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'DPS probe documents missing'

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REPORTER

Documents related to the police's investigation into the case of a police officer who crashed his car while drunk, seriously injuring his girlfriend, are allegedly missing.

This came to light in lawyer Charity Hodson's declaration that she submitted to the Superior Court last week. Hodson is the lawyer of the police officer, Dixon Kwon.

Hodson said that the Office of the Attorney General called her last May 31 and advised her that the Department of Public Safety has not remitted the Internal Affairs' documents in Kwon's case that she had asked for.

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No one hurt in Let's Go fire

» Management says damage not extensive, limited operations resumed Saturday

A fire of still unknown cause hit the Let's Go Saipan warehouse in Lower Base late Thursday night. No one was injured in the blaze that, according to the company, happened after operations had

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FINALLY DONE CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, along with members of the Legislature and the Judiciary, participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the completion of the Isa Drive Cross Island Road Project on Capitol Hill.

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Arrivals dip 4 percent

Total visitor arrivals to the Marianas for the fiscal year are holding steady compared to the same period last year at 411,619 visitors, less than 4 percent off last year's mark.

» Japan flight cessation leads 9-percent drop in May

Visitor arrivals to the Marianas fell 9.7 percent in May 2018 compared to May 2017 due to the cessation of direct flights from Japan early in the month and lower arrivals from Korea.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands totaled 46,093 visitors in May 2018, compared to 51,023 visitors received in May 2017.

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"Our work is not done until we are done telling the younger generations about these islands," said Northern Island Mayor's Office project manager Kelly Tenorio. BEA CABRERA

Are the Northern Islands forgotten?

By BEA CABRERA
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PAGAN—I just came from an eight-day trip to the Northern Islands, particularly Pagan and, together with the memories and experience, I also brought back a bag of smoked meat carefully prepared by the people who live there. When I shared some with a couple of high school students on Saipan: "Here, have a taste of Pagan Island," I was floored by their response, "What is Pagan Island?"

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Local

NEW LAW VS BLIGHTED PROPERTIES
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs House Local Bill 20-14, D5, which addresses blighted properties within the island of Saipan. He is joined by the bill's primary author, Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, House vice speaker Janet U. Maratita, Rep. Ivan A. Blanco, and Rep. Gregorio M. Sablan Jr. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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AQUA RESORT CLUB

Fire dept. did over 6,000 ambulance runs in 2017

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REPORTER

The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to 6,180 emergency medical service requests throughout 2017. The department also responded to 214 fire incidents and 25 search and rescue missions.

» Department responded to 214 fire incidents

These numbers came up during the department's Senate budget hearing last Wednesday, covering talks on the department's budget request for fiscal year 2019.

In a presentation to the Senate, DFEMS Commissioner Clyde Norita said the department wishes to procure a new tanker or a water tender to assist them in combating fires.

In an interview after the budget hearing, Norita said his department is looking to procure a tanker—a specialized vehicle designed to transport a large amount of water to a fire scene. He noted that he is looking at a tanker with a 1,000-gallon capacity.

In their fiscal year 2018 budget, DFEMS was able to include funding to procure a pumper vehicle, a specialized vehicle fitted with high pressure hoses to combat fires.

"The perfect scenario is one pumper truck for every station," said Norita, adding that there are six stations on Saipan.

Only the Garapan station houses the sole fire truck used on Saipan. Tinian has two fire trucks while Rota has one.

"Next year we are going to request for an aerial," he said, adding that the aerial is a specialized firefighting vehicle that is fixed with a ladder and a pump for firefighting in high-rise buildings.

The department asked for a fiscal year 2019 budget of $6.2 million, while Gov. Ralph DLG Torres proposed a budget of $5.3 million.

"It's a reasonable request. Primarily, it's the staffing that we would want to make sure that we entertain…simply because of the workload and the demand of services [they provide]," said Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian).

"A lot of [their personnel requests] got to do with increased operations, and that translates to the additional need for manpower," he said. "We are looking at their proposal closely and we will take this into account once the House transmits [a budget for review]."

On the procurement of the tanker, Hofschneider said his committee continues to urge the department to look into alternate sources of funding. He noted that last year, the department was able to procure one additional pumper through federal grants.

"…[DFEMS] also revealed that there may be another opportunity for them to get a particular inventory…that they need," he said.

9-year Isa Drive paving project completed

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A nine-year paving project was completed over the weekend with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Department of Public Works officially announced the completion of the third phase of the Isa Drive Cross-Island Road Project last Friday.

Phase 1 of the project started from the San Vicente Church area all the way to the Super Blue Tank in Papago. Phase 2 of the project started from the Super Blue Tank in Papago going into Kagman. Phase 3, which was completed last Friday, began from the New Sara Market area on Capitol Hill all the way to Sadog Tasi.

Route 31, the official name of Isa Drive, is 7.2 miles long.

"It was somewhat a hazardous road with the lack of road shoulders to allow for passing lanes. With the additional passing lanes, road shoulders, and guard rails, we were able to build a safer road," said Anthony Camacho, DPW Technical Services director.

Phase 3, which was supposed to have been finished in June 2017, stretches for about 2.4 miles and cost about $8 million, said Camacho. He noted that the delays were due to additional repairs such as Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s installation of sewage systems.

"Altogether, Phase 1 to Phase 3 cost about $25 million," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*. The money was obtained from the Federal Highway Administration.

"Route 31…is truly one of the busiest roads on the island. Phase 3 started two years ago under the leadership of [the late] governor Eloy S. Inos, who really prioritized this last phase," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres. "This entire project is nine years in the making and now we have a beautiful modern road that alleviates traffic and will be used by folks coming to see their government or visiting families and friends on Capitol Hill, in Kagman, Papago, As Teo, and the east of Saipan."

With the completion of Phase 3, Camacho said DPW is now ready to move on to other road projects, such as Route 36 from Talofofo to Kingfisher, all the way back to Bird Island and Route 302 from Dandan to the airport back side going to Obyan Beach.

Camacho added that a request for proposal on Route 10 on Rota has already been announced. Route 10 starts from the Rota airport all the way to the Songsong village area, which stretches for about nine miles.

Camacho noted that the Route 36 and Route 302 projects would be a repaving project similar to the Isa Drive project. He disclosed that Route 36 currently has a sole bidder for the project amounting to about $30 million while Route 302 is estimated at about $4.5 million.

Route 10 on Rota, according to Camacho, would be more of a hazard-elimination project. This project would also include the installation of road signs, roadway markings, and spot repairs.

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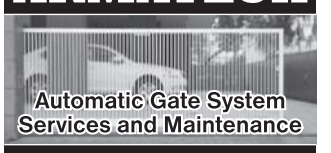

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I cheerfully explained what and where Pagan is, shared a couple of adventures as well, but I cannot deny that I felt a pang in my heart—I shouldn't be introducing Pagan to the young generation just so they can appreciate how special and unique that smoked meat is.

Before this trip, I knew little of Pagan. All I know is that it one of the remote and isolated islands in the northern part of the CNMI and that was enough to fuel my curiosity to get there and face the challenges of a frontier island.

Growing up, Kelly Tenorio's knowledge of Pagan and the rest of the Northern Islands came from the archives and papers of Spanish missionaries.

"Back in the 1600s, there were thousands of people living on Pagan, Alamagan, and all the other islands. They kept the islands moving forward for us so I think we need to keep the islands moving forward for our generations to come," said Tenorio, the Northern Island Mayor's Office project manager. "In order to do that, we have to save it to what might happen to it. There's someone else interested in taking over the islands for different reasons than what we would like."

Pagan is interesting because it forms two islands that came together. It has two volcanoes—one in the north and one in the south. With its beaches, volcanoes, wild animals, and vegetation, age-old traditions are still rooted in its soil.

"It was a busy island back in the '60s. They did copra, grew pineapples, and all kinds of agricultural things. People didn't just live here, they thrived. They didn't just survive, they were happy. They were healthy and industrious people. They gave birth, had children, and these children learned how to help. It was copra that was bringing in money for their families and they had a wonderful life," Tenorio said.

"Everything kind of came into a halt in 1981 when the north side volcano erupted. Lava flowed and people had to run to the south side of the island and evacuation took place. So the island kind of closed down…in 20 years. People may have come back but not to live, just for hunting."

According to Tenorio, the volcano is not dormant but that is not stopping people from going and living on Pagan.

"We have a lot of people that say they want to do that, [but it is] only now that we are opening it up for people to come back." She said that in the first months of their operation, they did not anyone to return to the island as it was still a mess and didn't have a good water source.

"The volcano it is very much alive but we see Kilauea in Hawaii and it tells us if you just live in a different area, you can live on the same island as a volcano," she added.

The idea of resettling Pagan is more focused on the second generation more now than the original elders, Tenorio said, because many of the older generations have already died out.

"In about a year since [Northern Islands] Mayor Vicente Santos started office, we now have three islands up and running. Meaning, you can easily come here and live now. We [now have a] clean water supply, we've cleaned up the hazards of garbage and everything. The mayor's office is willing to help and teach whoever wants to learn how to that and how to make a living. The islands are beautiful and have places where people can start staying temporarily until they build their own structures," she added.

Santos said that improvements started on the islands of Agrigan, Pagan, and now, Alamagan. Efforts first started on water tank cleanup to catch rain.

"All these islands need water. That's why I made it a priority because, without water, people cannot stay on island," she said.

Currently there are four people on Agrigan, two on Pagan, and seven on Alamagan.

The biggest hindrance to developing the islands is the lack of regular transportation. A charter vessel brings supplies and materials to the islands every three months. "It's challenging but we do it anyway. It's for the people and islands," she added.

Out of the many islands in the north, Pagan is the easiest one to get to. During World War II, the Japanese occupied the island and built an airstrip and a dock for ships to come in. The others are sanctuaries and monuments.

"So when you have that kind of a landing area, you can get goods into the island that the people would need for everyday living."

The important thing is to revive air transportation to Pagan because the airstrip is not being used right now. Tenorio said that planes would be the most ideal mode of transportation because people don't have the time to ride 20 hours on a ship to get there.

Unless one is with a scien-

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FIRE

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ended for the day.

The Let's Go management assured that it's "business as usual" as regular tours and operations resumed Saturday, although in a limited capacity as they take some time to continue cleanup. Let's Go is an extreme adventure tour company that offers all-terrain vehicle rides.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde said there was extensive damage inside and around the warehouse, including several ATVs.

Gersonde said that arson investigators were at the scene and would do their investigation when the heat settles down. DFEMS will provide more updates.

Let's Go Tour Co., in a statement posted on its website, stated that the fire was localized to one area and that damage was not that extensive.

No employees or other personnel were present during the fire. The company's operations were suspended only last Friday for cleanup and safety examinations.

"We would like to reassure our employees, customers, and partners that safety and security are always our top priority. We will continue to strive in delivering excellent service and provide memorable tours for all our customers," the management said.

The management also thanked the community for their "well-wishes and show of support" and to DFEMS and its commissioner Claudio K. Norita, Department of Public Safety, and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for "their quick response."

"We are truly grateful for their professionalism and swiftness in containing and putting out the fire," the management said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

DPS

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Instead, the OAG informed Hodson that DPS now "cannot find" the document and that it may have been "lost in the move."

The lawyer filed her declaration before the Superior Court last week in support of Kwon's motion for the court to compel the government to disclose all documents within its possession or control that she had asked for.

Hodson said the OAG agreed to stipulate to extend the deadline for motions to Wednesday, June 18.

She said the OAG also agreed that a motion to compel may be necessary in order to mandate DPS to produce the document.

The lawyer submitted a discovery request to the CNMI government last Dec. 27.

Hodson followed up on the request last March 22, specifically requesting all documents of DPS Internal Affairs' investigation with regard to an official complaint of police misconduct regarding the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Kwon on July 22, 2017.

She said that last April 11, the government (OAG), provided a one-page case summary consisting of six sentences essentially acknowledging that Kwon had been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and had been interviewed by DPS Internal Affairs.

Hodson said the OAG advised that a follow-up request had been submitted to DPS.

The lawyer said that last April 17, she provided the OAG a copy of the complaint that triggered the Internal Affairs investigation as a reference to the discovery she was seeking.

Last April 18, the OAG subpoenaed DPS Commissioner Robert Guerrero, to ask for a copy of the complaint of police misconduct, Internal Affairs investigations, reports, outcomes, and any related documents of that investigation, by April 20, 2018.

Hodson said that last May 31, she emailed the OAG to request a stipulated motion to extend the deadline for motions, as she had not received the Internal Affairs document and was unable to determine what motions would be necessary in preparation for Kwon's trial.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho had set the bench trial of Kwon for July 30, 2018 at 9am.

Hodson said that on that same day, May 31, OAG informed her that DPS "cannot find" the documentation.

In the motion to compel, Hodson said the discovery that she requested is relevant to the issue of Kwon's demeanor at or about the time of his arrest.

She said it is relevant to the issue of Kwon's demeanor and ability to undergo field sobriety tests, whether he had been apprised of his Miranda rights.

"This discovery is also critical in order to cross-examine, and likely impeach, the testimony of the officers expected to testify at trial regarding the circumstances of Mr. Kwon's arrest," she added.

The 2nd amended information charged Kwon with seven traffic charges—driving while under the influence of alcohol with a Blood Alcohol Concentration of 0.08 percent or more, driving while under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving causing bodily injury, two counts of fleeing the scene of an accident, failure to have motor vehicle liability insurance while operating a vehicle on a public highway, and failure to have motor vehicle liability insurance in possession while operating a vehicle on a public highway.

According to the OAG, on July 22, 2017, Kwon, while under the influence of alcohol, drove his vehicle into a tree, injuring Deedra Santos.

Kwon allegedly failed to stop at the scene of the accident and failed to provide medical assistance to the injured Santos.

Police said Kwon was driving his Nissan car when the vehicle ran off the road on As Gonno Highway and hit a tree near the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

When officers arrived, Kwon was not at the scene, but the injured passenger Santos was there.

Kwon was an off-duty DUI officer for DPS at the time of the accident. He is currently assigned with DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

ARRIVALS

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With the cessation of direct flights from Japan by Delta Air Lines on May 6, arrivals from Japan dropped 70 percent lower than April 2017 at 1,238 visitors. However, the Marianas is anticipating 29 summer charter flights and the commencement of flights from Japan by Skymark Airlines in the winter season. MVA is in direct discussion with other airlines to operate seasonal charters during the late summer and early winter schedule.

"Until we can resume flights from Japan, we are expecting a slight decline in overall visitor arrivals. The good news is, we will have regular flight service again within a few months, and we have a series of summer charter flights and possible fall charter flights ahead. In the meantime, we should all anticipate to tighten our belts," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "This is the nature of the tourism industry. Some factors are within our control, but most are not. We remain focused and strategic about our mission until this tropical storm passes, so to speak."

Arrivals from China grew 4 percent compared to May 2017 to 19,280 visitors, bolstered by steady airlift from Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, and Hong Kong.

In addition to the International Labor Day Holiday on May 1, the MVA's promotional efforts in April, including road shows in Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Guangzhou, and industrial expos like 2018 Hangzhou Super Health Expo, directly contributed to the growth of visitors to the Marianas in May.

Themed promotional strategies also helped with the boost, with focus on the travel theme of food in May. Information on Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden was shared with charter companies to encourage them to develop themed travel products. The temporary closure of Boracay in the Philippines is also expected to continue to increase China tourism to the Marianas.

Arrivals from Korea dropped 12 percent to 22,076 visitors, yet the country retained its position as the top performing source market. This decline is largely due to fewer flights than in May 2017 from both Incheon and Busan.

T'way Air resumed its daily schedule from June 1 through October. It has also announced plans to operate charter flights with 189 seats on Sept. 21-29 during Chuseok, the Korean Thanksgiving holiday week. During the period, over 1,500 seats will be added.

Also, Jeju Air is awaiting the final approval to fix a detailed schedule for charter flights from Aug. 3 to Sept. 3 for a month.

The Marianas also received one ship arrival with 360 crewmembers in May 2018.

Source markets

Among men, women, and children, South Korean women have for the first time outpaced men in the number of travelers heading overseas (47 percent), according to the Korea Culture and Tourism Institute.

The average USD/won exchange rate in May was 1075.14 won, a slight increase from the previous rate of 1,066.27 won in April.

In China, the Consumer Price Index of April 2018 saw an overall increase of 1.8 percent comparing with 2017. According to the Baihe.com Joint AoYou.com Official "White Paper on Island Wedding Trends in 2018," the popularity of island wedding has suddenly risen and is the first choice for those under the age of 30.

The number of Japanese overseas travelers was up 9.9 percent year on year, reaching 1,356,700 in April 2018. The total for the first four months of 2018 reached 5,978,000 (+3.6 percent). ***(MVA)***

Nationwide recall of Kellogg's Honey Smacks Cereal

On June 14, 2018, the Kellogg Co. recalled 15.3 oz. and 23 oz. packages of Kellogg's Honey Smacks cereal that are suspected of being contaminated with salmonella.

The items recalled involves Kellogg's Honey Smacks cereal that have a "best if used by" date from June 14, 2018 through June 14, 2019. The "best if used by" date is on the box top.

The recalled 15.3 oz. Kellogg's Honey Smacks cereal has a UPC code of 38000 39103. The recalled 23.0 oz. Kellogg's Honey Smacks cereal has a UPC code of 38000 14810. The UPC code is on the bottom of the box.

In an advisory from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., it advised consumers and retailers to not eat recalled Kellogg's Honey Smacks cereal.

"Check your home for the recalled cereal and throw it away or return it to the place of purchase for a refund.

"Even if some of the cereal was eaten and no one got sick, throw the rest of it away or return it for a refund.

"If you store cereal in another container without the packaging and don't remember the brand or type, throw it away.

"Thoroughly wash the container with warm, soapy water before using it again, to remove harmful germs that could contaminate other food," the advisory stated.

Retailers were advised not to sell or serve recalled Kellogg's Honey Smacks cereal.

Contact your healthcare provider if you think you got sick from consuming recalled Kellogg's Honey Smacks cereal.

Most people infected with Salmonella develop the following signs and symptoms 12-72 hours after being exposed to the bacteria:

- Diarrhea
- Fever
- Abdominal cramps

An investigation is ongoing by Bureau of Environmental Health to identify retailers with the contaminated product and aid in the recall process. ***(PR)***

Investors allegedly defrauded of millions of dollars

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An investor who acquired the Gold Beach Hotel on Beach Road in 2015 is now being accused of defrauding Chinese investors of millions of dollars on promises that they would get shares in the hotel and obtain green cards as a return on their investment.

Chinese citizen and Saipan resident Tingjian Tang allege that Yibo Hu acquired Gold Beach Hotel using other Chinese investors' money but placed the hotel's ownership in his own name.

Tang, through counsel Michael W. Dotts, alleged that Chinese investors provided $3.5 million to Hu and that Bo Sea Corp. was set up as a vehicle for Hu's fraud.

Tang is suing Hu and another investor, Shuai Zhang, before the Superior Court to declare him (Tang) as the sole shareholder of Bo Sea Corp.

According to Dotts in the complaint, the con was to buy into a hotel on Saipan, represent to investors that they were buying shares in the hotel, and promise them green cards as part of the return on their investment.

Dotts said Hu used money he obtained from these investors to fund his own lavish lifestyle, that Hu never actually invested his own money in Bo Sea, and in fact never paid for or acquired any shares in the company.

Dotts said Hu's fraud came to light when a group of investors sued Hu and another defendant in June 2016.

The lawyer said these investors sought damages for the breach of fiduciary duties owed to Bo Sea and the conversion of funds and the forfeiture of the shares held in Bo Sea by Hu.

He said the investors' 2016 lawsuit was later settled.

As part of the settlement, Dotts said, Hu assigned a lease to the Gold Beach Hotel that was in his name only to Bo Sea, and transferred all ownership he had in Bo Sea to Bo Sea.

Dotts said the investors in return released Hu from liability.

Subsequent to the settlement of the investors' suit, the investors who had sued and who had become the sole shareholders of Bo Sea by virtue of the settlement sold all their shares in Bo Sea to Tang.

Subsequent to Tang acquiring all of the shares of Bo Sea, Zhang sued Hu for breach of contract in 2017.

Dotts said the scam that Hu allegedly perpetrated on Zhang was related to marine sports business and was not directly related to the Gold Beach Hotel.

Zhang obtained a default judgment against Hu in Zhang's lawsuit.

Dotts said it is alleged that in post-judgment proceedings to execute on the default judgment, Hu claimed to still own shares in Bo Sea.

Dotts said that in reliance on Hu's false claim of ownership of shares in Bo Sea, Zhang obtained an assignment of the shares in Bo Sea that Hu claimed to own.

Dotts said Zhang has now claimed that Tang does not own all of the shares of Bo Sea, placing a cloud on Tang's ownership of that company.

The lawyer said it is alleged that Hu never paid for the shares of Bo Sea that he claimed and therefore had no shareholder interest in that company.

Dotts said when Tang acquired the shares from the true shareholders, Tang acquired all of the shares of Bo Sea.

Dotts said to the extent Hu owed any shares in Bo Sea, he legally surrendered his shares and was divested of all interest in the company when he entered into the settlement of the investors' case.

Dotts said when Tang acquired the shares of Bo Sea after the settlement of the investors' case, Tang acquired all of the shares of the company.

In June 2015, Hu, through a translator, told *Saipan Tribune* that he is planning to build a four-star, 11-story hotel on Saipan.

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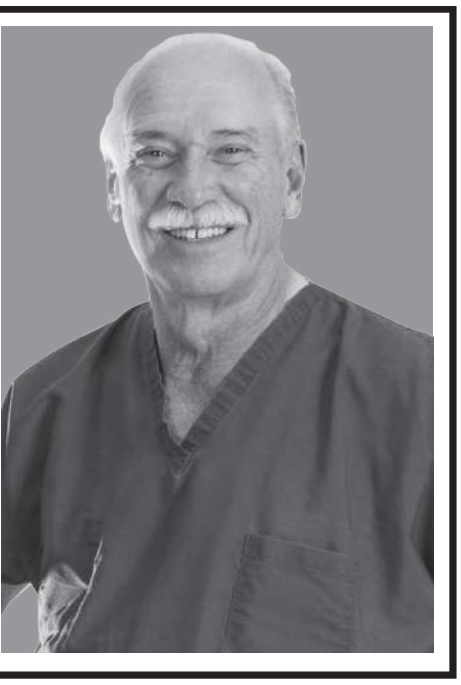

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Mwoakillaos celebrate 22 years of independence

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KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA
The members of the Mwoakillao Saipan Association perform a traditional Mwoakillese dance during their Constitution Day celebration last Saturday at the Chamolinian Utt.

Their numbers may be small but the Mwoakilloa community in the CNMI made up for what they lack in numbers with pride during their Constitution Day celebration last Saturday.

A little over 30 Mwoakillese individuals who reside on Saipan showed up at the Chamolinian Utt as early as 9am to celebrate their pride for their island.

Mwoakillao is a small, inhabited atoll on the eastern side of Pohnpei and is and is located in the central Pacific Ocean. It geographically belongs to the Caroline Islands, but is a district of the outlying islands of Pohnpei of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The atoll is 4.5 kilometers long and 2.8 kilometers broad. The atoll consists of the three islands Uhrek, Kahlap (the capital), and Mwandohn. Only the northeast island Kahlap is inhabited, with the town facing the lagoon.

The population of Mwoakilloa decreased from 177 in 2000 to 147 in 2008. The inhabitants speak Mokilese, similar to the Pohnpeian language in the family of Micronesian languages.

According to Mwoakillao Saipan Association president Sandra Hedson, although Mwoakillao is a part of Pohnpei, the Mwoakillese consider themselves a separate entity and established their own constitution back in 1996.

"This occasion celebrates when Mwokillao established its constitution that legally recognized the island as an individual state with a semi-antonomous government with the state of Pohnpei," she said.

Hedson has been organizing the Mwoakillao Constitution Day celebration on Saipan for five years now.

"It is important to celebrate this event for our young ones…because most of them are raised and born here [Saipan] so they don't really know our customs and what the constitution is about, so it's important to show them that it is important to celebrate the anniversary of signing our constitution," she said.

Last Saturday, the MSA had games, a buffet of Mwoakillese favorites, and even a raffle drawing. The highlight of the event was the singing of the Mwoakilloa national anthem that was created just a few years ago.

"I want other Mwoakillese or Pohnpeians to come to our celebration of our constitution so they can teach their kids more about their island… we are inviting any Mwoakillese to come and invite their friends to celebrate with us," said Hedson.

The Mwoakillese who reside on Saipan celebrate their Constitution Day every June in commemoration of the signing of the document back in June 5, 1996.

Hedson said there are more than 50 but less than 100 Mwoakillese on island.

House: Weed bill back at the committee

The bill legalizing the recreational and medicinal use of cannabis has been returned to the committee level for further review.

The House of Representatives deemed Sen. Sixto Igisomar's (R-Saipan) Senate Bill 20-62 in its current form not in conformance with the CNMI Constitution, which states that legislation that includes revenue-generating properties should only originate from the House.

Because of this, the House decided to refer the bill back to the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee led by Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan).

Blanco said the option of reintroducing the bill in a different form came up. However, he said it was discussed with the leadership that the bill would return to the committee level and make the proper adjustments.

"…The committee members and I would go back to the bill and delete the sections that contained provisions pertaining to revenue generation and adopt the bill back for passage in the House," he said. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-011

GUALO RAI WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Gualo Rai Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline and lateral service line; connection to the existing waterline; installation of gate valve assembly, PRV and PSV, flush hydrants, air release valves, fire hydrant assembly; existing lateral service tap relocation; restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **June 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-011, Gualo Rai Water Line Replacement Project",** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 10, 2018,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States, Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 25, 2018** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Mr. Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater Associate Engineer – via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-018

ISLAND WIDE WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of excavation to verify leaks and leak repair on various types of waterlines. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year if exercised by CUC.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **July 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-018: Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

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Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 5, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Ms. Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

Torres, DLNR, Coast Guard work on issue with buoys

Following a recent meeting between the Office of the Governor and the U.S. Coast Guard, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres coordinated with the Civil Military Liaison Office and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to address local fishermen concerns regarding the channel buoys and light beacons in the Saipan lagoon.

"Increasing concerns from commercial, recreational, and local fisherman were brought up to the Governor's Office regarding buoys, lights, and navigational aids. Members of the governor's staff and DLNR were tasked to inspect conditions of these buoys," said CMLO executive director Stanley T. Iakopo.

After consultations with local mariners and joint inspection efforts conducted by DLNR and the Office of the Governor, a number of issues regarding buoys and navigational aids were identified. A light was inoperable on a shipping channel guide buoy while overgrown vegetation obstructed the beacon light on Mañagaha Island. Also, mariners stated that the complete lack of lighting on many of the ship channel buoys made the channel hazardous to transit at night.

"Upon completion of its inspection and upon further consultation with Gov. Torres, it was determined that the proper course of action was to bring the issues to the attention of the Coast Guard. It is the responsibility of the USCG to maintain the ship channel buoys and navigational aids (such the beacon on Mañagaha island) and to review and upgrade those navigational aids where necessary," Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Anthony T. Benavente said.

Accordingly, staff from the Office of the Governor met with the local district commander, Capt. Christopher M. Chase, in Guam.

Chase was receptive to the concerns of the local mariners and the issue surrounding navigation safety in the channel. The meeting ended with the Chase promising to look into the CNMI's concerns and correct them as necessary.

"Maintaining the CNMI's federal aids to navigation is a primary mission entrusted to the Coast Guard. Together with our partners, we are committed to ensuring the maritime sector remains secure and the flow of vital commerce to the islands continues safely," Chase said.

Recently, Chase visited Saipan and met with Torres, during which Chase stated that, based on the concerns brought to him, the USCG took action; the lights on the buoys were brought back to operating order and the vegetation on Mañagaha Island was cleared so that the beacon could once again be clearly spotted.

Further, he stated that it was the intent of the USCG to install lights on a number of the channel buoys that are currently bare. It is expected that this upgrade of navigation will occur in the near future.

Torres noted that the concerns brought by the community were the driving force behind these negotiations with the Coast Guard.

"I want to thank DLNR and the Coast Guard for agreeing to work together on this issue affecting our…fishermen. We are very pleased with the results of the discussions as real action has been done to address these concerns. The collaboration between our partners in the Coast Guard and the military to address our islands' concerns has been productive, and we look forward to discussions in the future for the benefit of our community." ***(PR)***

HEALTHY COOKING DEMO

A healthy cooking demonstration was held at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library on June 13, 2018, as part of the Teen and Adult Summer Library Program. Led by Emily Van Weerdhuizen, participants learned two easy, healthy recipes that they can make anytime: energy bites and a healthy ham wrap. The organization Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library generously provided the ingredients for this demonstration.

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Docomo contributes $178,500 to PSS for library laptops

Recognizing the importance of using digital technologies to enhance learning and expose students to new ways of thinking, Docomo Pacific is purchasing $178,500 worth of laptops for use in the CNMI Public School System.

A check presentation was made to PSS administrators last June 15 at the Aqua Resort Club Saipan.

The donation forms the second phase of Docomo Pacific's "One Marianas Initiative" to reinvest in the CNMI's local communities. Recent studies have shown that the "homework gap" can disadvantage students who may have internet service but lack ready access to their own laptop. Docomo Pacific's donation is intended to address this gap.

The contribution will be used to purchase a total of 210 state-of-the-art laptops: 10 laptops for each of the 21 PSS libraries in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Bobby Cruz, director of Instruction of Technology at PSS, said that PSS is always excited to work with community partners like Docomo Pacific.

"Any contribution to support the 10,000-plus students in our district is greatly appreciated. Docomo's contribution will support our school libraries throughout the CNMI," said Cruz. "This is particularly valuable as libraries are a central hub of learning for students, so through this donation of tech resources, our students will have more resources to support learning. We're grateful for this opportunity, and we hope to strengthen our partnership even more in order to promote 21st century libraries in the CNMI."

Docomo Pacific donates $178,500 to the CNMI Public School System at the Aqua Resort Club Saipan on June 15. Pictured front row, from left, are Pauline Johnson, assistant general manager; Brent Deleon Guerrero, brand coordinator, both from Docomo Pacific; Glenn Muna, interim Education commissioner; Herman Guerrero, member, Board of Education; Roderick Boss, president and chief executive officer, Docomo Pacific; Yvonne Pangelinan, PSS associate commissioner; BOE chair Mary Lou Ada; Liezl Balan, director and deputy general manager; Dino Manning, vice president/general manager, both from Docomo Pacific; and Bobby Cruz, PSS director of Instructional Technology. Members of the CNMI House of Representatives were also present. Pictured far right from left. Rep. Alice Igitol; Rep. Edmund Villagomez; Rep. Angel Demapan; and Rep. Ivan Blanco.

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Dino Manning, vice president and general manager of Docomo Pacific, said that they worked closely with PSS leadership to determine areas where a monetary contribution would have the biggest impact.

"We wanted to use our resources and provide laptops that students could use to help bridge the homework gap," said Manning. "Whether it's providing even the youngest students with early knowledge of skills in typing to basic research to graphic design, we're excited to enhance their learning experience through the use of technology. We appreciate all that our schools do for our children in our community, and we want to do our part to contribute to their success."

Roderick Boss, the incoming president and chief executive officer of Docomo Pacific, said that being a strong community partner and improving the communities where Docomo Pacific serves is a major component of its "Better Together" promise.

"We're happy to connect our students to 21st century technologies that will help build skills and confidence to thrive in the digital world," he said.

Docomo Pacific expressed its gratitude to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, the Legislature, along with Saipan Mayor David Apatang, Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas, and Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig for their support of Atisa, Docomo Pacific's state-of-the-art submarine fiber-optic cable connecting Guam and the CNMI.

Docomo Pacific's "One Marianas Initiative" is a five-year program of significant community investments in the areas of healthcare, education, and public safety in the CNMI. This initiative is a result of a public-private partnership between Docomo Pacific and the CNMI government.

On June 8, Docomo Pacific contributed the first of five annual installments totaling $250,000 to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to develop and maintain an Electronic Health Records system for patient care. Phase three will consist of a check presentation to the Department of Public Safety and will be announced soon. ***(PR)***

From left, Pauline Johnson, assistant general manager; Christian Camacho, field operations managers; Conrad Sablan, store manager; Joe Torres, enterprise manager, all from Docomo Pacific; Gov. Ralph DLG Torres; Roderick Boss, president and CEO; Dino Manning, vice president/general manager; James Hofman, chief legal officer; and Liezl Balan, director and deputy general manager CNMI, all from Docomo Pacific.

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JUDICIARY
Northern Mariana Islands

Request for Proposals
18-JUDICIARY-04

INSTALLATION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS
at the
GUMA HUSTISIA, IIMWAL AWEEWE, HOUSE OF JUSTICE, SUSUPE, SAIPAN

Submission Date: June 28, 2018, 3:00 P.M.

The Commonwealth Judicial Branch is soliciting sealed proposals for the installation of thirty five (35) surveillance cameras to be installed at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice, Saipan.

Firms or individuals submitting proposals must have a valid CNMI business license and be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum wage requirements.

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 30.3).

The proposal package will be available on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request emailed to Jim.Stowell@justice.gov.mp.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, at 9:00 a.m., local time at the Guma Hustisia Law Revision Commission–Law Library. The meeting is expected to take at least an hour in order to provide prospective proposal submitters the opportunity to acquire sufficient knowledge of the building and the coaxial cable runs from cameras to the control / recording room so as to be able to present a bid that completely anticipates the material and labor costs entailed in completing the job.

Sealed proposals must be marked RFP18-JUDICIARY-04 and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan no later than June 28, 2018, 3:00 p.m., local time. Firms or individuals submitting proposals from outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose to the Budget and Finance Director no later than July 5, 2018, 3:00 p.m., local time. Notices of Intent may be faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp.

The CNMI Judiciary the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Judiciary. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI Judiciary and will not be returned to the proposer.

/s/ Alexandro C. Castro
Chief Justice

/s/ John T. Villagomez
Budget and Finance Director

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Honorable Ralph Dlg. Torres, Governor and the Honorable Victor B. Hocog, Lt. Governor, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to the Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", hereby give Official Notice that a Parole Hearing is scheduled for **June 20 – 21, 2018 (Wednesday-Thursday), beginning at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Honorable Vicente T. Seman, Building, Department of Correctional Facility, located at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. The Agenda is as follows:

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Presence of Quorum

II. Consent Items
1. Adoption of Agenda

III. Parole Hearing

		BOP No.:	Criminal Case No.:
1.	Fermin Manuel J. Castro	18-009	15-0074
2.	Nicolas Juan V. Cabrera	18-010	15-0021A
3.	Manuel D. Sablan Jr.	18-011	14-0098D
4.	John Ibanez Carreon	18-012	12-0030T
5.	Juan C. Taitano	18-013	10-0072D
6.	Pino Kris Kfis	18-014	14-0130B
7.	Billy Jack V. Quitugua	18-015	12-0174A
8.	Aquilino Castillo	18-016	11-0236E
9.	Johnalyn P. Salinas	18-017	17-0076B

IV. Adjournment

If deemed necessary, members of the Board of Parole may elect to vote to meet in Executive Session to discuss any of the items listed above.

If you have any question or need additional information, please contact the Board of Parole Office at telephone numbers 664-3300 or 664-3302.

/s/ Ramon B. Camacho
Chairman, Board of Parole

June 13, 2018
Date

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 *et seq*), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

I. Preliminary Matters
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Correspondence

II. Public Comments**

III. Management Reports
- A. Executive Director
- B. Deputy Executive Director
- C. Chief Financial Officer
- D. Legal Counsel

IV. Old Business
V. New Business
VI. Miscellaneous
VII. Executive Session***
(Consultation with Legal Counsel Re Personnel and Other Matters)

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda maybe modified during the meeting.
** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
*** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

3 NMI students graduate from OSU

Three CNMI students graduated last Saturday from Oregon State University, including Keanah F. Deleon Guerrero, who graduated with magna cum laude honors in Anthropology.

The other two were Monika H. Diaz, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Sciences, and Marquina M. Hofschneider, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

OSU held its 149th commencement last Saturday, June 16.

The commencement speaker was Harley Jessup, an Oregon State University alumnus and renowned animation production designer who has won an Academy Award and an Emmy Award for visual effects. Jessup also received an honorary doctorate from the university.

Jessup, now with Pixar Animation Studios, served as production designer for *Coco*, which won the Academy Award this year in the category of Best Animated Feature Film. Some of his other film credits include *The Hunt for Red October, Ghostbusters II, Monsters, Inc., Ratatouille* and *James and the Giant Peach*. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Seeking volunteers for language project

Anyone who can speak Chamorro, Carolinian, Palauan, Chukeese, Korsrae, Pohnpeian, Karibati, Yapese, and Marshalese, contact the Northern Marianas Humanities Council at 235-4785. Dr. Thomas Stolz, a professor of University of Bremen in Germany, will be visiting Saipan from July 20 to July 31. He would like to conduct interviews with native speakers. The total volunteer time is only two hours. Visit our Facebook page 670humanities for details or call NMHC. ***(PR)***

Survivors, caregivers support meeting

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the Commonwealth Cancer Association support meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Ortizo on university dean's list

Michael Roy Ortizo has been named to the University of Delaware's dean's list for the spring semester. To meet eligibility requirements for the dean's list, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester. ***(PR)***

NMDC meeting set

The Northern Marianas Descent Corp. will be holding a general membership meeting tomorrow, June 19, 2018, at the Carolinian Utt. The meeting will begin promptly at 6pm and the topic for discussion will be on Senate Bill 20-35 which is to amend 1 CMC subsection 2806(c) to increase the term of public land leases up to 40 years plus an extension up to 35 years for a total 75 years; to authorize existing public land leases to be amended to extend the existing lease term up to 75 years; and for other purposes. ***(PR)***

Military training at former golf course

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the former Adm. Nimitz Golf Course in Barrigada on June 18, from 5pm to 11pm. This training is designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. The public should be advised that routine helicopter training often accompanied with the use of blanks can occur throughout the week in areas of the former golf course and Andersen South. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to extend the lease of certain public land in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Tract No. 21670 containing an area of approximately 2,503 square meters, more or less, situated in Sasanhaya, Rota. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands office and website at www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc. The Directors of Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. are Charles E. Ewart – President, Kenneth R. Chandler – Executive Vice President, Timothy A. Duguid – Vice President, Ma. Julieta Milan – Treasurer, Leo A. Manlapaz – Secretary, and Margarita A. Olivares.

iii. The proposed Extension Agreement and First Amendment to the Lease Agreement is compliant with DPL regulations. To extent it was negotiated, discussions were by Mr. Charles E. Ewart, Mr. Leo Manlapaz, Ms. Margarita Olivares, and Ms. Maria Kemp.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose to operate a bulk plant fuel storage facility.

The term of the proposed lease extension is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of the lease extension is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property.

v. A copy of the proposed Extension Agreement and First Amendment to the Lease Agreement may be obtained at the office of the Secretary, Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. As of the time of this publication, the Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Sasanhaya, Rota.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before 4:00 p.m. June 26, 2018 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIAN I MAPROPONI NA EKSTENSION ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku mannånå´i guini nutisia put i intensiona ni para u ekstendi atkilon nu i metton na tanu´ pupbliku giya Luta, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Mariånas. Maseha håyi na pattida ni intirisao gi hålum pupblikun hinerât siña muna´na´hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu´ pupbliku. Kumu mås mo'na mapribeni ginin i Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi na pettanesin infotmasion manisisita na para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu´ pupbliku madiskribi kumu Tract No. 21670 ni konsisisti kåsi 2,503 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi Sasanhaya, giya Luta. I kopian påttin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku yan website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion.

ii. I prospective lessee Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Inc. I Direktot i Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. si Charles E. Ewart – i Presidenti, Kenneth R. Chandler – i Sigundu Eksakatibu na Presidenti, Timothy A. Duguid – Sigundu na Presidenti, Ma. Julieta Milan – Tresuråru, Leo A. Manlapaz – Sekritåriu/Sekritåria, yan Margarita A. Olivares.

iii. I Kontråtan Ekstension ni maproponi yan i Primet na Amendasion para Kontråtan Atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha. Para ekstendi ni manegosiu, i diskuti siha ginin as Siñot Charles E. Ewart, Siñot Leo Manlapaz, Siñorita Margarita Olivares, yan si Siñorita Maria Kemp.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha´ na rason para u ma-operate i fasilidåt pine'lu para i bulk plant fuel.

I tema nu i maproponi na ekstension atkilon para kinsi (15) ånus na tiempu.

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v. I kopian nu i maproponi na Kontråtan Ekstension yan i Primet na Amendasion para i Kontråtan Atkilon siña machuli´ gi ufisinan i Sekritårian, Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku, gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building gi Dandan, giya Saipan, primet (1st) bibienda gi De'Ana Commercial Building, gi Songsong Village, giya Luta; pat i primet (1st) bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, giya Tinian. I kopia debi lokkui´ na managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. Kumu gi tiempun nu esti pupblikasion, i Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ti marisibi ni håfa na tinaguin inefresi siha ni para ma´atkila i suhetu na tanu´ pupbliku gi Sasanhaya, giya Luta.

vii. I Sekritårian Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku ha aksesepta tinigi´ upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat alternative proposals ginin i manintirisão na pattida siha gi pat åntis di 4:00 p.m. gi Huniu 26, 2018 gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu´ Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMMWOL LÁÁLÁÁYIL ATKKILÓÓN REEL FALUWEER TOULAP

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iii. Pommwol Abwungubwungúl Láálááyil me First Amendment ngáli Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón nge compliant ngáli mwóghutughutúl DPL. Eyoor tool igha re ppwol fengál, mwaliili sángi Mr. Charles E. Ewart, Mr. Leo Manlapaz, Ms. Margarita A. Olivares, me Ms. Maria Kemp.

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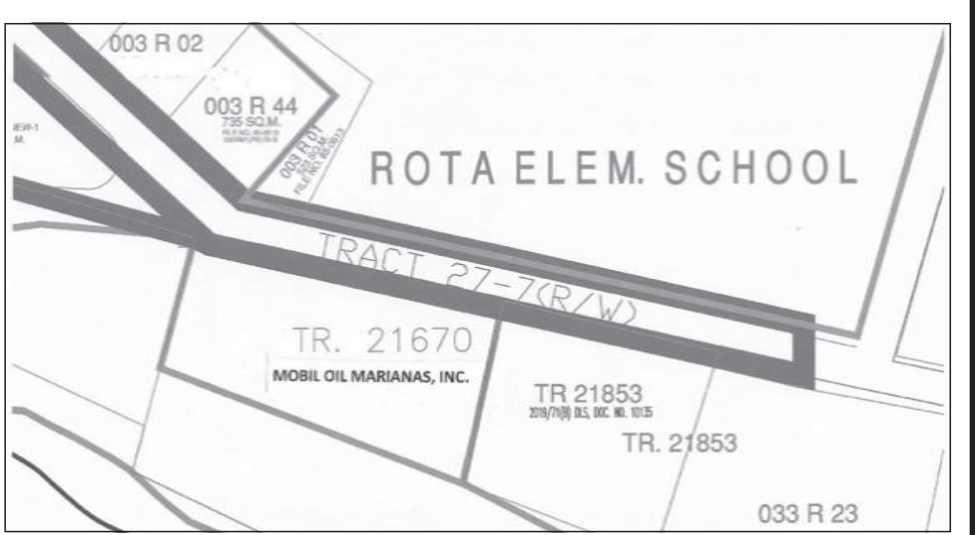
v. Pappidil Abwungubwungúl Extension yeel me First Amendment ngáli Abwungubwungúl Atkkilóón emmwel ubwe bweibwogh me bwulasiyol Sekkretóóriya, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap, iye e lo 2nd floor reel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél, 1st floor me De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor reel Kings Commercial Building, Tchiliyól. E bwal yoor pappid yeel online me www.dpl.gov.mp.

vi. Atol oral arongorong yeel, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye re siiweli ngáli atkkilóón ngáli falúw iye e lo Sasanhaya, Luuta.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toualp re mmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angiingi, ngáre pommw ikka re siiweli sángi schóó kka re mwuschel wóól ngáre mmwalil 4:00 p.m. Unnyo 26, 2018 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta, ngáre Tchiliyól.



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EDITORIAL

It's time for Congress to vote on immigration

What is Congress for? It's a serious question, and one we ask now in context of the larger immigration debate that has been unfurling across the country for the past few years.

In route to getting to the purpose of a Congress, let's do a short recap. Hundreds of thousands of so-called Dreamers have been left in limbo in regard to their status. There has been a directive by the attorney general on how to deal with asylum seekers. And the administration is implemented a policy that's separating parents from their children if caught crossing the border illegally.

We won't pretend that these issues are easy in today's politics. In fact, all of them are so studded with thorns that there has been a reluctance to push actionable legislation. But there is now a sliver of hope that action just might be forthcoming from Congress.

Next week, House Speaker Paul Ryan has promised to hold two votes on immigration bills. He made that promise to quell a rebellion among 23 members of his caucus who were nearly successful in forcing an up-or-down vote on a bill to extend legal protection, and likely a path to citizenship, to the Dreamers.

We understand that the bills coming up for a vote have something akin to a snow ball's chance in Hades, but one never knows what can happen if cooler heads prevail. In any case, we encourage the Speaker to make good on his promise to hold the votes because, at this point, it is important to make our lawmakers cast recorded votes so we can see where they stand.

In a sense, the most pressing issue is the status of the Dreamers. We've supported creating a process to allow them to stay for a host of reasons, including the fact that they weren't the ones who made the decision to come here illegally (their parents did) and this is the only country most of them know.

But the importance of getting lawmakers on the record should not be overlooked.

The administration, under a new zero-tolerance policy, is now charging every adult who crosses the border illegally with a federal crime. The result is that as parents deal with that charge, their children are taken away and dropped into a federal system that is already overstretched.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Jeff Sessions has recently specified how asylum seekers should be handled. He offered the clarity Congress might have in saying, for example, that most people fleeing gang violence won't qualify for asylum.

Writing clearer rules and governing a system that handles the hard cases of humanity will always be tough. But then the job of Congress is to devise policies that can handle tough issues within the bounds of the Constitution and that adhere to the country's values. And to that end, we'd like to know where members of Congress stand on asylum, on leaving Dreamers in limbo and on separating children from their parents.

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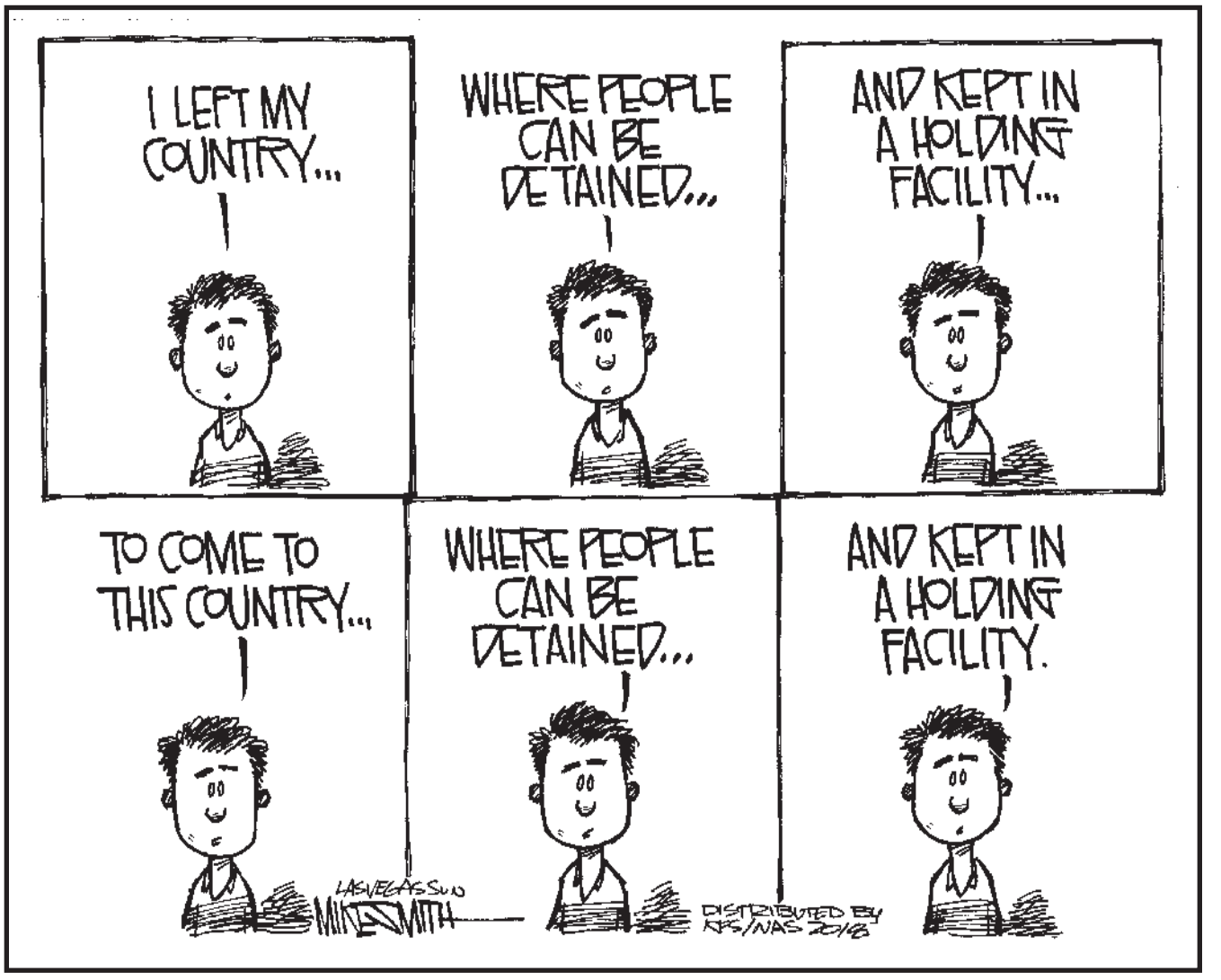
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Give peace a chance

By SILVIO LACCETTI
Tribune News Service

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The long-ago summer of 1950 was different from previous ones for this elementary school boy. Yes, I played stickball in the sidelot and began learning the artifices of adult card games. But something quite extraordinary captured my imagination and attention: the outbreak of the Korean War, on June 25, 1950.

For this boy, war was something he had read about in *The Police Gazette,* a barber shop staple in those times. Now, curiously, it became real. I was thoroughly absorbed all summer following the rapidly changing battlefield lines.

The North Koreans swept away the UN forces till all that was left of South Korea was a tiny coastal enclave containing two cities—Taegu and Pusan in the Pusan Perimeter.

When I started school in September, Taegu had held, but the Perimeter still looked so vulnerable. During free time, I would go to the blackboard and draw a map of Korea, with the Pusan Perimeter clearly delineated. Defeat seemed probable.

But then, miraculously, General Douglas MacArthur made the historic landing at Incheon in mid-September 1950 and everything changed. The battle lines moved swiftly northward until the Chinese army flooded the combat zones, causing a huge U.N. retreat. Eventually, the war became a stalemate.

In July 1953, an armistice was signed at Panmunjom, setting the stage for the divided Korea we see today. Three years of fighting, more than 36,000 U.S. casualties and more than 1.2 million military and civilian deaths. No war, no peace, no change. That little boy stayed transfixed at the blackboard!

And then, 7 decades later, along came President Donald Trump. He brokered a summit meeting for two, him and Kim Jong Un, the North Korean leader. The meeting of the two heads of state was unprecedented. Was this our best chance for peace? Oh no, according to politicians, pundits and prognosticators.

But why? Look at things logically, which the naysayers do not. How can we achieve peace? If not through diplomacy, then what? By war? If we negotiate is it not with an enemy guilty of all sorts of cruelties and horrors? Who else can you negotiate with? Angels and saints?

Critics argue that North Korea can't be trusted, that the goals (peace?) are unrealistic, that there are no guarantees. Well, what enemy can be trusted at the outset?Short of unconditional surrender and military occupation, you have to work diplomacy to reach accord.

DIPLOMACY TAKES TIME. Perhaps in these days of instantaneous internet, people don't understand diplomacy anymore. It takes time, and then more time to bring results. For example after the Napoleonic Wars, The Congress of Vienna (1814-1815) took 10 months to arrange a peace and re-arranged the map of Europe.

But prior months and years had shaped the positions of the various participants. Result: no major European war for a century.

DIPLOMACY IS A PROCESS. We recall Henry Kissinger's Shuttle Diplomacy of 1973-74 when the U.S. acted as a neutral broker to bring a Middle East settlement after the October 1973 war. Sometimes the process fails, as it did with Kissinger's first time in trying to end the Viet Nam War. But, in the next round, he did succeed. Result: 25 years later Vietnam is a trading partner of ours.

Quick fixes, that come out of nowhere, like the Nazi-Soviet Pact of 1939 usually are fleeting, serving only temporary interests.

Trump's early stage diplomacy has been successful. There has been an agreement in principle to de-nuclearize the Korean peninsula—presumably by 2020. Sen. Chuck Schumer ridicules the president, stating there are no specifics. Of course not. The process has to play out over time. The dark horde of "Listen to Me!" amateur pundits have emerged from the black holes of the internet to emerge in the light of Facebook and Twitter to offer egotistical nonsense.

Please! A fifth grader has more sense than these critics.

What Trump did is to open a long closed door. This is the mission accomplished, and it is a big thing. Now the diplomats and other specialists will try to keep it open to allow a two-way free passage to peace.

Still, Trump is under no illusions. He says that come 6 months he may be proved wrong in his optimism.

That long-ago fifth-grader is still standing at the board, looking at the lines he drew on the map of Korea some 70 years ago. Give the kid a break! Give President Trump and diplomacy a chance. Give peace a chance.

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Our dismal water future, mapped

By JAY FAMIGLIETTI
Los Angeles Times

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Satellite data and images are provocative, even disturbing. They confront us with a global view that can be at once breathtaking, like a piece of art, and yet, in this era of rapidly changing climate, they paint a picture of the demise of the environment. How and if we will respond to what we see is uncertain. That uncertainty lies at the root of our perilous future.

Last month, my colleagues and I published a report the centerpiece of which is a global map, derived from satellite data, that shows how the distribution of Earth's fresh water has rapidly changed since 2002. We analyzed measurements from NASA's Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment satellites to determine trends in total water storage—groundwater, soil moisture, surface waters, snow and ice—over nearly a decade and half.

Although the map is strikingly simple—color coded from blue to red to show average increases and decreases per year in available fresh water—the story it reveals is complex and troubling. Progressively deeper hues represent the greatest and most problematic rates of change. The deepest blues indicate areas where flooding has been increasing, the deepest reds indicate areas where water losses have been most severe.

There have always been geographically distinct classes of water "haves" and "have-nots." Now, as the map shows, those regions of water security and insecurity are shifting radically.

Climate models predict that changing weather and temperature patterns will cause the world's high-latitude and tropical regions—the areas that are already wet—to get wetter, while already dry, arid and semi-arid regions will get drier. But those models foresee major changes coming at the end of the 21st century. Our map clearly shows new patterns emerging today. This includes the U.S.: The northern half of the country has become much wetter, while the southern half has become much drier.

The map is speckled with nearly three dozen regional hot spots for water insecurity—where changes in the water supply will seriously threaten a region's health, welfare and environment.

Some are driven by climate change, like the melting of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets, and the mountain glaciers in Alaska, Colombia, Peru, Patagonia and the Himalayas. Others are the direct result of water management, or lack thereof. Many indicate areas where groundwater is being rapidly depleted, pumped at unsustainable levels to irrigate crops and raise livestock for a growing population or in response to drought.

The water future the map portends is daunting.

In California's Central Valley, parts of which are dark red on our map, mid-latitude drying, persistent drought and falling water tables are already driving the cost of drilling deeper wells far beyond what any average family can afford. And declining groundwater quality and subsiding land are signals that the aquifers are being pushed past their tipping point, losing more water than can be replenished in a year.

The farmlands of the Central Valley and America's Great Plains, another hot spot on our map, feed the United States and the world. If global groundwater depletion continues there, and in similar regions (northwestern India, the North China Plain, South America's Guarani Aquifer), it will undoubtedly drive global food insecurity. Higher food prices, shifts in crop selection and changing food availability will be the logical outcome. Ultimately, difficult choices will have to be made, such as moving agriculture to where more water is available, or moving water to where the farms are.

Regions where groundwater and glaciers are disappearing threaten not only food availability, but also the health and livelihoods of the billions of residents living in these areas. Several of these hot spots span political boundaries and coincide with volatile regions where the lack of water may act as a trigger for violent conflict. The role of drought in the Syrian war and the refugee crisis is now well understood.

Whether coupled with conflict or not, water insecurity, as always, will continue to mobilize populations. Changing water availability has the potential to generate waves of millions of future climate refugees.

Governments and society are unprepared to cope with the water future that our research has literally mapped out. The rapid pace and global scope of change requires a response across regions and national boundaries. Few institutions and networks with that kind of authority and reach exist, but they must be fostered, and fast. We need a new water diplomacy that will treat this crucial resource as a vehicle for cooperation rather than conflict.

The map points to the pressing need for national-level water policy discussions in the United States. We must demand more accountability from elected officials, and from the food industry, the biggest user of water on the planet. Our leaders must know that, as voters and consumers, we expect their commitment to water security, in quantity and quality, before they can win our support.

The data we analyzed maps the here and now, and signals the future. How will we respond?

Ripping kids from parents is un-American

By BILL LUEDERS
Tribune News Service

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On June 9, U.S. Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., spent several hours meeting with detainees at a federal immigration facility near the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Most of the detainees—174 of 206—were women. Many are fleeing violence and deprivation in their home countries; they are seeking asylum in accordance with U.S. and international law.

In an interview with The Washington Post and a video posted on social media, Jayapal said the women described being held in cages (they called it the "dog pound") and frigid rooms (the "ice box") without blankets or sleeping mats. They were allegedly denied clean water and subjected to verbal abuse. One woman reported being hit twice in the face by an agent.

Most horrifically, more than half of women said they'd been forcibly separated from their children; some heard them "screaming" from another room. After the separation, most had no idea where their children were. According to Jayapal, "One woman said, 'I want to be with my children,' and the Border Patrol agent said: 'You will never see your children again. Families don't exist here. You won't have a family anymore.' "

In another case in Texas, an asylum seeker from Honduras says a border agent snatched her infant baby away from her while she was breastfeeding.

This is what we have come to as a nation under President Donald Trump. An immigration policy that makes cruelty not a collateral side effect but a deliberate goal.

In the first two weeks in May after the Trump administration announced its "zero tolerance" policy toward arriving immigrants, a federal immigration official told Congress that 658 children were separated from their parents, driving the total since October past 1,300. A United Nations official has decried this practice as "unlawful interference in family life" and "a serious violation of the rights of the child."

And now, as existing child shelters are filling to capacity, Franco Ordonez of the McClatchy Washington Bureau reports, the administration is looking to build tent cities in Texas to house the growing number of immigrant children being held in detention. A researcher for the international group Human Rights Watch called this prospect "horrifying."

But it's fully in keeping with Trump's stance toward immigrants. His decision to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which protects immigrants brought to this country as children, caused trauma for hundreds of thousands of people he professes to "love." He regularly warns darkly—and falsely—about "illegal immigrants pouring into our country, bringing with them crime, tremendous amounts of crime."

Under Trump, immigration authorities are now transferring adult detainees awaiting immigration hearings into federal prisons.

"They are trying to punish people for lawfully going through the immigration process," said Michael Kaufman, a senior staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. "They're saying they're going to keep more and more people locked up, even if there isn't a reason to do so, while they go through the immigration process."

Jay Inslee, the Democratic governor of Washington, described what the Trump administration is doing in his state as "cruelty to children." In America, he said, "the willful infliction of trauma against children is not acceptable. America is better than this. Inhumane, callous indifference and willful injury to children must stop."

But it won't stop unless we demand it. We must make clear that we are better people than our president, and will not tolerate his degradation of American values. We must find better ways to respond to the challenges of immigration than ripping children from their parents and putting them in prison camps.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

Dear Director Geri Dela Cruz of Corporate Social Responsibility of Imperial Pacific International LLC: On behalf of the residents of Tanapag, I would like to take this privilege to extend our heartfelt appreciation and *un dangkulu na si yu'us ma'asi* to you company, Imperial Pacific International LLC (Best Sunshine), the outstanding CSR crew, and most especially to you for your untiring commitment and unselfish support to Tanapag residents in upgrading the social hall fronting the Santa Remedios Church. Your efforts and great job was the talk of the residents for weeks.

The residents strongly believe in your CSR's commitment and outreach to the beautification, not just of Tanapag but all the villages on Saipan. Words cannot express how thankful we are for Imperial Pacific International's strong commitment in making Saipan the best tourism inland in the Pacific.

Thank you very much, and may God continue to bless you and the outstanding community outreach crew.

Rep. Alice S. Igitol
20th Legislature

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms for Saipan and Tinian through morning.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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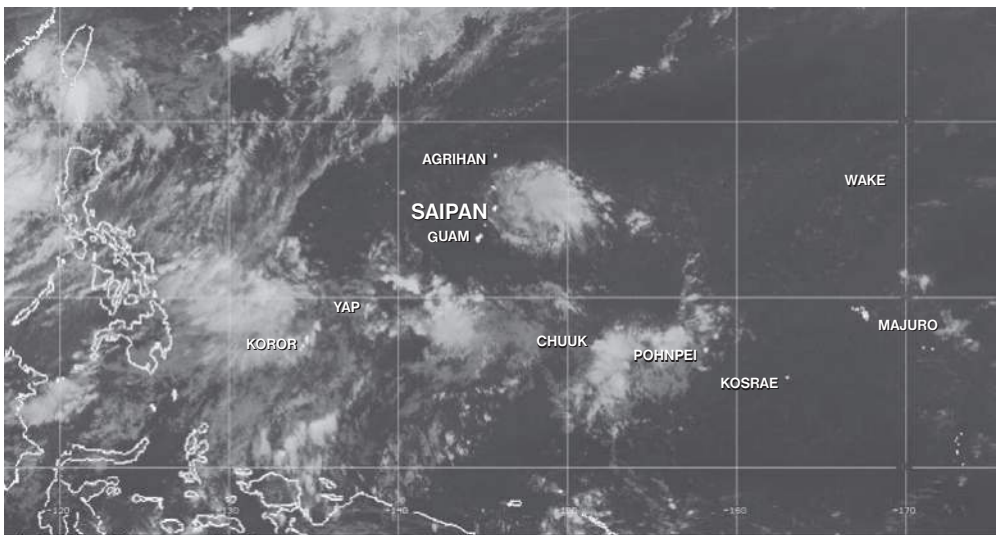
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Latest satellite imagery shows a disturbance about 200 miles to the east of Saipan. It has developed a large amount of lightning with it and is tacking slowly westward. Latest guidance brings it toward Saipan and Tinian tonight into Monday morning. Therefore, have increased showers to scattered during this time frame. Have left the rest of the forecast unchanged. Kept thunder for all of the Marianas during the day today and into Monday, even though the better chances are up north. After this disturbance passes, we will likely be in drier pattern for the remainder of the week, though some guidance suggests another shot of thunder on Tuesday, for now confidence was not high enough to include that in the forecast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
Palau	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	59° / 52°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	91° / 72°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	90° / 82°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 74°
London	Cloudy	72° / 57°
Los Angeles	Sunny	70° / 59°
Manila	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	57° / 43°
Miami	Showers	85° / 76°
New York	Partly Cloudy	93° / 73°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	82° / 72°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	73° / 59°
Busan	Rain	75° / 66°
Rome	Thunderstorm	88° / 66°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	93° / 73°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	63° / 54°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	86° / 66°
Tokyo	Rain	75° / 66°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	97° / 77°

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
5:34 AM	LOW TIDE	1.13
10:08 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.83
5:32 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.38
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DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Wednesday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Thursday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	10:07 AM	11:05 PM	-
Tuesday	11:06 AM	11:52 PM	-
Wednesday	12:02 AM	-	-
Thursday	-	12:36 AM	12:56 PM
Friday	-	1:18 AM	1:48 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
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PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

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tific or business group that is going to the island, "you're probably not be able to get on a vessel because there is very few vessels that come here," Tenorio said.

"The *Super Emerald* belongs to my husband and I and we have taken scientists doing research and that's how we started coming out. Nowadays, I take personal charters as well because I think that it is time now that people start coming back here and cleaning up the island, respecting and living out here because there is no reason not to. If we don't do this, the military might take this away from us and we will never come back into it again…It will be a dead island," Tenorio added.

She said that Pagan's prospects are promising.

"Our group is trying to save the island for not just local people but tourists as well," she said.

What Tenorio would like to see for Pagan is eco-tourism. "We don't like this to be a city like Saipan…and we don't want huge 5-star hotels either. We want this to be a natural and we are going to go with go green projects like solar panels, recycling, and everything being eco-friendly.

She also touts the island as a possible alternative solution to "our lost children in Saipan, children who are going into the penal system." Pagan can provide a different level of therapy.

And Pagan can be a resettlement site for not just former residents but for other people as well, according to Tenorio. "There are lot of people who are not residents yet that are willing to come back here."

"Agricultural homesteading plots, one hectare each, have been measured out on the east side, away from the lava flow and in the most beautiful part of island," said Tenorio. "We are not encouraging people to come here to sit, eat fish and meat. We are encouraging them to be a community that works together because we want everyone who comes here and be productive. …We welcome all those people who want to come out here and do positive things for the island."

For that, the Northern Islands needs the U.S. and local governments' help.

This land has been allotted as an agricultural homestead on the east side of the island. BEA CABRERA

Hardened lava below the north volcano forms a wall at the end of the airstrip. Heavy equipment is needed on Pagan to clear the lava flow. BEA CABRERA

Pagan's rocky cliffs rear into the sky. BEA CABRERA

Campers on Pagan start the day with a hike. Hiking is the best way to see the beauty of the island. BEA CABRERA

A hiker on the north side of Pagan looks at the volcano on the south side of the island. BEA CABRERA

"We need the government to help. …We need our waters to be patrolled. …If we say that this is our chain of islands, what makes us say that when we don't even patrol the islands? I know that the U.S. Coast Guard has been…out here but they can't be out here everyday. We have seen ships passing by and they are U.S. flagged ships. We know that fish are being taken. We have garbage float into our island and we know it's not from our own ships," she said.

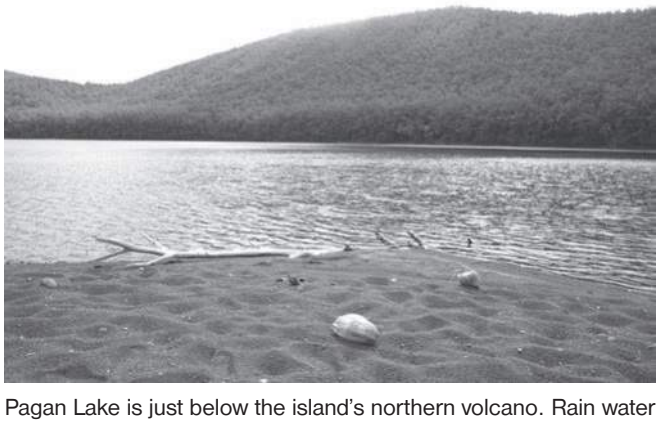
Tenorio said it is great that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is a hunter and a fisherman, has been to Pagan, and loves everything about the island.

"I think his issue here on the military is neutral and that is where he should be, so we are trying to sway him to help us bring people out here for recreational things and for better and healthier living," she said.

Getting people back to Pagan will add meaning to this island and getting the young generation to know about it first is in the pipeline.

"I've been doing that and I am shocked that more than half of them don't know where Pagan is. Maybe they've heard of the few islands but they don't just need to hear of it. They need to see videos, pictures that we can give to the schools to teach history and for them to have hands on," Tenorio said.

Campers and explorers of Pagan pose with project manager Kelly Tenorio from the Northern Island Mayor's Office. BEA CABRERA



Pagan Lake is just below the island's northern volcano. Rain water is trapped in the lake before exiting to the ocean. The lake is home to eels and tilapia and is the water source for all wild animals on island. BEA CABRERA

This abandoned church is a silent testimony of a once thriving and bustling community on Pagan. BEA CABRERA

This Japanese memorial teeters on the lip of the island and withstands the harsh elements of nature. Engraved on the memorial are the words, "Everlasting Peace To All." BEA CABRERA

Pagan's landscape is breathtaking. BEA CABRERA

Spending time on Pagan without knowing its beauty, possibilities, and the challenges and threats it faces is to defy the purpose of the place. It is calling out to every person in the CNMI.

"They say we have endangered species here [on Pagan]. Yes we do, but as far as we are concerned, our people is the endangered species because they have lost or will lose their land if they don't do something about. We need our people to get up and show an interest," Tenorio said.

"We are in a huge hurry because…people want this island for different reasons that we don't believe in…. Our group is not going to get tired because we believe in what we are doing and we will die fighting for this island and fighting for our people and the the generations to come. We are bringing people back and help them to be comfortable and show them that we can live comfortably, safely and be a true community out here," Tenorio said.

One ATV is used to transport goods around island. BEA CABRERA

Authentic Chinese dishes at Yofun

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Yofun's specialty, Spicy Hot Pot, includes meat, seafood, vegetables, and noodles.
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Served fresh off the grill, the beef and lamb barbecue is topped with Chinese herbs and spices. BEA CABRERA

Sweet white/snow fungus with Goji berry soup complements the flavors of the dishes at Yofun. BEA CABRERA

A Michelin-starred chef, together with three other chefs from Sichuan Chendu, China, are joining forces to serve authentic Chinese dishes at the newest food enclave on Saipan, called Yofun.

The newest restaurant in town, located right across the Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan, is inviting friends and family to check out the place, which is open from Monday to Sunday, from 4pm to 4am.

Owned by a Hong Kong-based company, Yofun opened only in April. The name itself is actually a combination of terms. In Chinese, "yo" means friends and "fun" means a place where people can get together to share food. Therefore Yofun.

Their specialties include the spicy hot pot, Chinese sweet and sour chicken, scrumptious beef, chicken, and lamb barbecue, chicken wings topped with special herbs and spices, to name a few.

Customers can personalize their spicy hot pot. They can choose from a wide array of meat, seafood, vegetables and choose how much spice will be used on the dish. Although, dishes carry the Sichuan taste and flavor, the food is expected to entice the appetites of people, no matter where they are from.

Yofun also serves non-spicy food. All dishes can be paired with traditional sweet tea and sweet white/snow fungus with goji berry soup to complement the flavors of the food. For beer lovers, buy one Asahi beer or Saipan Brewing beer and you get one specialty Japanese beer for free that can be matched with their appetizers such as fresh edamame, cold beef dim sum, and boiled peanuts.

Although Yofun serves traditional Chinese dishes, the restaurant itself boasts of its modern, clean, and straightforward appeal.

Yofun can accommodate 50 customers at one time. For private functions like meetings and parties, they have a room available that can seat 10 persons.

Football fans are invited to watch a live feed of the 2018 World Cup from 9pm to 4am on their widescreen televisions. Pair it with one beer and free appetizers.

Yofun membership cards are available to loyal customers, where they can avail of 5 to 26 percent discount every time they eat.

For the budget conscious, fill your tummy with their $1 mouthwatering and nutritious potato porridge, which is available anytime.

Yofun accepts walk-ins and reservations. Please call (670) 286-3333 or go to : https://www.facebook.com/yofuncnmi/ for more information.

Yofun Restaurant, which serves authentic Chinese cuisine, is open Monday to Sunday, from 4pm to 4am in Garapan.
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Saipan writers workshop this Saturday

Are you an aspiring author? Do you have a book idea? Have you always wanted to write and publish "the great Marianas novel," memoir, non-fiction how-to manual, or book of poetry or photographs? Looking for tips on how to overcome writer's block? It's easier than you think!

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's video teleconference room will be the venue of a workshop on Saturday, June 23, from 1pm to 4pm, to be led by Walt F.J. Goodridge, an author of over 24 books in a variety of genres.

Admission to the workshop is $10 in advance, and $12 at the door. Twenty percent of admission proceeds will be donated directly to the library on the day of the event!

During this lively, interactive three-hour workshop, Goodridge will share step-by-step instructions on how to start a book project, overcome "writer's block," find the best and worst times to write, edit your book, how to tell when it's ready, publish independently and go from idea to sales in 24 hours or less!

Seating is limited. To register, please visit the front desk of the library. For more information, learn more about Goodridge, and to see some success stories from past workshops, visit www.saipanwriters.com. ***(PR)***

Bordallo's district office to extend hours for war claims applications

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The district office of Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) will extend its hours of operation today, Monday, June 18, and tomorrow, June 19, from 8am to 7pm to assist Guam War Claims Program applicants. Additionally, a notary public will be available in house from 5pm to 7pm.

The district office is located in the Ada's Capitol Plaza at 120 Father Duenas Ave., Ste. 107 in Hagåtña.

The Guam War Claims Program application period will end on June 20, 2018.

In an effort to help as many individuals file before the deadline, the District Office staff will be available to assist. Completed and notarized applications can be submitted to the District Office to be mailed out to the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission no later than June 19, 2018 or sent directly to the Commission postmarked by June 20, 2018.

"There are just six days left for individuals to file their war claims applications, and I urge eligible claimants to apply. The commission has received 2,348 applications so far, with a vast majority of claims coming from our *man'***åmko** who survived the occupation.

"Passing war claims was a commitment I made to the people of Guam and something that I never gave up on or stopped fighting for. I worked alongside many of our local organizations here on Guam, as well as with policymakers and officials in the Bush, Obama, and now Trump administrations, to secure passage of war claims and make sure that the law is implemented at intended. I commend all the work of my predecessors, former [delegates] Antonio Won Pat, Ben Blaz, and Robert Underwood, who really laid the groundwork for our success. This was a positive accomplishment for Guam, and I hope it gives our *man'*åmko recognition for what they endured during the occupation as a result of their loyalty and patriotism to the United States." ***(PR)***

Business

Ford: Detroit train station key to autonomous vehicle plans

DETROIT (AP)—Bill Ford looks past the tons of paint, plaster and steel needed to remake Detroit's blighted Michigan Central train station and sees more than just an iconic building in desperate need of a makeover.

The executive chairman of Ford Motor Co. and great-grandson of founder Henry Ford envisions the future of the carmaker's foray into self-driving vehicles.

Ford Motor Co. is embarking on a 4-year renovation of the 105-year-old depot and 17-story office tower just west of downtown. The massive project is expected to increase the automaker's footprint in the city where the company was founded, provide space for electric and autonomous vehicle testing and research, and spur investment in the surrounding neighborhood.

Ford will be reclaiming a derelict 20th century landmark, but it also will be using some iconic Motor City real estate to embark on a 21st century venture.

"This had to make business sense for us," Bill Ford told The Associated Press on Thursday. "We couldn't just do this as a philanthropic endeavor. It really will become a statement for us and a great recruiting tool for the kind of talent we're going to need to win in the autonomous vehicle war."

The company has said it aims to have a self-driving vehicle on the market by 2021.

The building's sale was announced last week. The company will announce details of the renovation and its plans Tuesday.

Bill Ford declined to say how much it cost to buy the 500,000-square-foot (46,450-square-meter) building from Manuel "Matty" Moroun or how much the carmaker expects to spend fixing it up. An unrelated 2004 plan to convert the train station into Detroit's police headquarters was expected to cost more than $100 million.

The money for Ford's project is coming from a pool set aside in 2016 to update the automaker's headquarters in nearby Dearborn, though the company will also seek tax breaks and other incentives.

"We had to make sure that this actually could fit into our existing budget, and thankfully it did," Bill Ford said.

The train station opened in 1913 and for decades was the hub of rail transportation into and out of Detroit. Travelers and visitors marveled at its robust columns that stretched to an ornately tiled ceiling. But passenger rail travel waned as road and air travel got easier, and the last train left Michigan Central in 1988.

Scrappers stripped the vacant building of its metal and the thousands of broken windows allowed the elements to damage the walls, floors and ceilings, depressing the property's value.

Along the way, Detroit slid toward fiscal collapse. The population has dropped by more than one million people since the 1950s. Tens of thousands of homes were left abandoned even before the city tumbled into and out of bankruptcy several years ago.

The aging, hulking and empty Michigan Central exemplified Detroit's plight.

"It always really bothered me whenever you'd see a national story about the decay of Detroit" photos of the train station often were used, Bill Ford said while sitting in the depot's cavernous passenger waiting room.

Import now to beat tariffs on goods from China? It will cost

New tariffs on imports from China may leave American companies with a choice—pay a higher freight bill now or pay the tariffs starting in three weeks.

It can take several weeks for ship-borne cargo from China to reach the United States—too late to beat the July 6 deadline. That could lead to more demand in the short run for air-freight services.

"The only question is how much do you want to pay," said Brandon Fried, executive director of the Airforwarders Association, "and which is better—paying that or paying the increased tariff?" Shipping by air is several times more costly than ocean shipping and the gap grows the heavier the cargo.

So far, however, some freight handlers are seeing little evidence of panic.

"We haven't seen a rush, nor have any of our customers indicated that we need to get ready" for last-minute orders, said Steen Christensen, North America CEO for German freight-arrangements provider Hellmann Worldwide Logistics. He said some of the commodities his customers buy from China won't fall under the tariffs.

President Donald Trump announced Friday that starting next month the U.S. will impose a 25 percent tariff on up to $50 billion in Chinese imports. Trump targeted Chinese industrial and agricultural machinery, aerospace parts and communications technology. Most consumer goods from China such as smartphones and TVs were left off the list.

Some freight industry observers think a rush to beat the tariff deadline is inevitable.

"There will be a surge in exports from China and from the U.S. as the date approaches," said John Manners-Bell, CEO of U.K. research firm Transport Intelligence. "We have certainly seen that in the past with these sorts of impositions of tariffs and quotas."

Manners-Bell expects "significant" rate increases and a shift of some cargo from ships to air freight in coming weeks.

Rates for container shipping rose last year as the industry tried to sail past a period of overcapacity and low freight rates. Rates for air freight have been rising in recent years as retailers meet growing demand from online shopping. Air freight is highly seasonal, with prices spiking in the fall as Christmas gifts are sent to stores and consumers.

"Fortunately we're not in the high season quite yet," said Fried, the representative of freight forwarders—they are like travel agents for companies needing to make shipping arrangements. He said it is still possible to find space in the bellies of passenger and cargo planes flying over the Pacific.

Some companies that source materials from China could eventually look for suppliers in other Asian countries with low labor costs including Vietnam, the Philippines and Bangladesh, but many will take a wait-and-see approach because it takes times to rewire supply chains, said Erik Lundh, an economist specializing in China for The Conference Board, a major business group.

It isn't clear how long the tariffs will last, or whether the U.S. and China might settle their trade fight quickly.

"There is so much volatility around this issue that in three weeks' time this could all have been for nothing," Lundh said.

Nation

GOP risking conservative backlash over immigration

NEW YORK (AP)—The push toward immigration votes in the House is intensifying the divide among Republicans on one of the party's most animating issues and fueling concerns that a voter backlash could cost the GOP control of the House in November.

AP

The Capitol is seen in Washington, Friday, June 15, 2018. The push toward immigration votes in the House is intensifying the divide among Republicans on one of the party's most animating issues—and fueling concerns that a voter backlash could cost the party control of the House in November.

To many conservatives, the compromise immigration proposal released this past week by House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., is little more than "amnesty."

One tea party group described the Republican plan as "the final betrayal." Fox Business host Lou Dobbs, who is close to President Donald Trump, tweeted Friday that Ryan is "trying to open our borders even more and give illegal immigrants the biggest amnesty in American history."

Passage of the bill could alienate conservatives and depress turnout at a time when enthusiasm among Democrats is high. Yet scuttling the bill could turn off independent voters, an especially important bloc for House Republicans competing in dozens of districts that Democrat Hillary Clinton won in the 2016 presidential election.

"The GOP's in a tough spot," said Republican pollster Frank Luntz. "The hardcore Trump voter has a different point of view than the ever-important independent voter, and there doesn't seem to be a middle ground."

The draft legislation, resulting from intense negotiations between moderates and conservatives, includes a path to citizenship for an estimated 1.8 million young immigrants in the country illegally. The plan includes $25 billion for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and other security measures sought by the White House.

"While the bill contains some positive provisions, including full funding for the border wall and closing loopholes in current law that sustain illegal border surges, it is still a mass amnesty," said RJ Hauman, of the conservative Federation for American Immigration Reform.

"This bill hardly fulfills President Trump's bold promise to fix immigration, and sure isn't a winning message for the GOP in the midterms," Hauman said.

Trump will meet with House Republicans next week to discuss the issue just days after his comments during an impromptu Fox News interview on the White House driveway nearly derailed the planned House vote, according to a House GOP official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the plans ahead of an official announcement.

Trump had said in the interview that he wouldn't sign what was described as the "moderate" immigration bill, even though the version written by House leadership is based on his own priorities. White House officials later said the president had misspoken and didn't realize he was being asked about the compromise bill. The meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, the person said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Police say 2 Kansas deputies killed by inmate were parents

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—Two Kansas sheriff's deputies who were shot and killed by an inmate while transporting him between the courthouse and jail were both parents, authorities said Saturday. The inmate, whose name hasn't been released, shot Wyandotte County Sheriff's deputies Theresa King and Patrick Rohrer on Friday in a gated area behind the county courthouse. He may have used one of the deputies' own guns to shoot them during a struggle after he got out of the van, authorities said. The inmate was also shot and underwent surgery Friday. Terry Zeigler, the police chief of Kansas City, Kansas, said at a news conference Saturday that as far as he knew, the man was in stable condition. Rohrer, 35, died shortly after the shooting. He had been with the force for seven years and leaves behind two young children, Wyandotte County sheriff's Maj. Kelli Bailiff said. King, 44, died early on Saturday at a hospital. She had three children, including a young one. Zeigler said the authorities were withholding the inmate's name until he's been formally charged, which is expected to happen next week.

Man suspected of defrauding more than 1,000 Walmart stores

YUMA, Ariz. (AP)—Authorities say a man suspected of making fraudulent returns at more than 1,000 Walmart stores across the U.S. has been arrested in Arizona. The Yuma Police Department says 23-year-old Thomas Frudaker was apprehended Wednesday after store employees noticed a suspicious transaction and contacted police. Police spokeswoman Edith Ruiz says Frudaker went to return a computer from which police believe he had removed certain parts. She says investigators suspect Frudaker made a similar return that day at a different Yuma store. Ruiz says they also suspect Frudaker pulled the same scam at hundreds of stores over an 18-month period. Police estimate the returns cost Walmart about $1.3 million. Frudacker is at the Yuma County Detention Center on multiple charges, including fraudulent schemes. Records do not list an attorney.

Asia

Pakistan: Killing of country's Taliban chief is 'significant'

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Nasir-ul-Mulk described the killing of Pakistan Taliban chief Mullah Fazlullah in a U.S. drone strike in Afghanistan as a "significant development in the fight against terrorism."

Mulk made the comment in a telephone conversation Friday night with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and thanked him for sharing information about Fazlullah's killing, said a Pakistan government statement.

The call was initiated by Ghani, who tweeted that Fazlullah's killing was "the result of tireless human intel by Afghan security agencies."

A U.S. official said the U.S. believes that it is likely the strike killed Fazlullah, but efforts are ongoing to confirm his death. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss preliminary information.

In his tweet, Ghani said he also called Pakistan's Army Chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa. In both conversations Ghani said he urged Pakistan "to take practical steps to bring Afghan Taliban residing in Pakistan to the negotiation table."

Thursday's drone strike, which reportedly killed Fazlullah and five other insurgents when missiles slammed into the car in which they were driving, occurred just hours before Afghanistan's Taliban began a three-day cease fire.

The cease-fire, which took effect at midnight Thursday, marks the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr, which follows the Muslim holy month of Ramadan when the faithful fast from sunrise to sunset. The Afghan Taliban announced their cease-fire after Ghani unilaterally declared a temporary cease-fire for the holidays on June 7.

In Afghanistan's eastern Logar provincial capital of Pul-e-Alam dozens of unarmed Taliban celebrated the Eid holiday, several greeting Afghan security forces, provincial police chief spokesman Shahpur Ahmadzai said Saturday in a telephone interview.

"We didn't allow them to enter the city with their weapons," said Ahmadzai, adding at least 80 Taliban entered the city in the last two days to visit their families.

The Associated Press spoke to Abdullah Faizani, a Taliban fighter from Logar's Baraki district, who said it has been seven years since he has been to the provincial capital. He said he and 32 friends were in the capital on their motorcycles, many of them festooned with the Afghan flag.

"I am so happy for the cease-fire and it is sad when every day Afghans are killing each other," said Faizani, adding that 15 of his friends died in battles with Afghan security forces in one year. They were all Taliban.

Although he wants an extended cease-fire, he said he would not lay down his weapons permanently until "all the foreign troops leave Afghanistan."

Atta-ul-Rahman Salim, deputy head of Afghanistan's High Peace Council, said Taliban fighters from across the country were reportedly entering into government controlled areas to visit their families "and they were being welcomed by government security forces."

Meanwhile, in his conversation with Ghani, Mulk said that Fazlullah's death would be received throughout Pakistan with relief as Pakistanis had borne the brunt of terrorist attacks by the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, which Fazlullah headed.

The Pakistan government statement also said an "action had finally been taken against an enemy of the people and state of Pakistan."

Fazlullah was killed in Afghanistan's northeastern Kunar province. He had ordered the assassination of Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai.

Afghan Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in a telephone interview that he could not confirm Fazlullah's death because of the remoteness of the area but also because Afghanistan's Taliban are not present in that area.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China hikes tariffs on US soybeans, electric cars, fish

BEIJING (AP)—China fired back Saturday in a spiraling trade dispute with President Donald Trump by raising import duties on a $34 billion list of American goods including soybeans, electric cars and whiskey. The government said it was responding in "equal scale" to Trump's tariff hike on Chinese goods in a conflict over Beijing's trade surplus and technology policy that companies worry could quickly escalate and chill global economic growth. China "doesn't want a trade war" but has to "fight back strongly," said a Commerce Ministry statement. It said Beijing also was scrapping agreements to narrow its multibillion-dollar trade surplus with the United States by purchasing more American farm goods, natural gas and other products. The United States and China have the world's biggest trading relationship but official ties are increasingly strained over complaints Beijing's industry development tactics violate its free-trade pledges and hurt American companies. Europe, Japan and other trading partners raise similar complaints, but Trump has been unusually direct about challenging Beijing and threatening to disrupt such a large volume of exports.

Duterte warns of possible violence if poor seize houses

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president warned a pro-poor group on Thursday not to take over a government housing project and said violence and deaths could occur if it defies orders and resists the police. President Rodrigo Duterte ordered Kadamay and other groups to leave the low-cost housing area in Rodriguez town east of Manila by Friday noon, or he would deploy special police forces to drive them away. Police are under orders to wrest back control of the houses if they are seized, he said. Kadamay members attempted to occupy some of the vacant houses in Rodriguez on Wednesday but police drove them out. Some gathered nearby and staged a protest. "If you want a fight, I'll tell the police to give a fight," Duterte, known for making death threats against drug and crime suspects, said in a speech before village leaders. Duterte said he told police not to start any violence, "but if you need to kill in order to implement the legal regulations, do it. If it leads to five, six, seven deaths, I don't care."

World

First boat of Aquarius convoy docks in Spain

VALENCIA, Spain (AP)—The first Italian government ship accompanying the migrant aid vessel Aquarius with 630 people aboard on Sunday docked at the Spanish port of Valencia, ending a weeklong perilous crossing of the Mediterranean.

AP

In this Tuesday, June 12, 2018 file photo, an Italian Coast Guard boat approaches the French NGO "SOS Mediterranee" Aquarius ship as migrants are being transferred, in the Mediterranean Sea.

Medical staff boarded the Italian coast guard vessel Dattilo after it arrived just before 7 a.m. It will be followed by the Aquarius and another Italian navy ship, the Orione, in the coming hours.

The Aquarius, operated by the aid groups SOS Mediterranee Sea and Doctors Without Borders, was stuck off the coast of Sicily last Saturday when Italy refused permission to dock and demanded Malta do so. Malta also refused and Spain stepped in and offered to grant them entry some 1,500 kilometers (930 miles) away.

The migrants were met by emergency workers, including health officials and psychologists, at the city's marina.

Spanish authorities have said they will examine the migrants case-by-case to see if they qualify for asylum according to the country's regulations.

Spain's Minister of Public Works Miguel Angel Abalos said Saturday that the migrants from the Aquarius will be granted a "special authorization" to remain in the country for one month before "they will be dealt with according to our laws without exception."

Abalos said that the Spanish government "will act with sensitivity and at the same time within the law, and with a message to Europe that it doesn't have an immigration policy up to the challenge at hand."

The boatload of migrants that was forced to spend days crossing the western Mediterranean includes 123 unaccompanied minors, 11 children and as many as seven pregnant women, according to Valencia's regional authorities.

Spain has accepted the French government's offer to take in those migrants who want to go to France "once they have fulfilled the protocols established for their arrival."

The refusal by Italy and Malta to allow the Aquarius to enter their ports has created a row between European Union members over how to handle immigration.

Under the EU's asylum laws — currently the subject of a major political dispute and under revision — migrants must apply for asylum in the country where they first enter Europe. In practice, the policy has placed a heavy burden on Italy and Greece, where hundreds of thousands of asylum-seekers have arrived in recent years.

Spain's new Socialist government has taken up the cause of the migrants' plight to demonstrate its commitment to protecting human rights and respecting international law.

The arrival of the Aquarius convoy comes during a spike of seaborne migrants crossing from African shores to

Pope: Abortion is 'white glove' equivalent to Nazi crimes

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis denounced abortion on Saturday as the "white glove" equivalent of the Nazi-era eugenics program and urged families to accept the children that God gives them.

Francis spoke off-the-cuff to a meeting of an Italian family association, ditching his prepared remarks to speak from the heart about families and the trials they undergo. He lamented how some couples choose not to have any children, while others resort to pre-natal testing to see if their baby has any malformations or genetic problems.

"The first proposal in such a case is, 'Do we get rid of it?'" Francis said. "The murder of children. To have an easy life, they get rid of an innocent."

Francis recalled that as a child he was horrified to hear stories from his teacher about children "thrown from the mountain" if they were born with malformations.

"Today we do the same thing," he said.

"Last century, the whole world was scandalized by what the Nazis did to purify the race. Today, we do the same thing but with white gloves," Francis said.

The pope urged families to accept children "as God gives them to us."

Francis has repeated the strict anti-abortion stance of his predecessors and integrated it into his broader condemnation of what he calls today's "throw-away culture." He has frequently lamented how the sick, the poor, the elderly and the unborn are considered unworthy of protection and dignity by a society that prizes instead individual prowess.

He has also decried how women are often considered part of this "throw-away culture," sometimes forced to prostitute themselves.

"How many of you pray for these women who are thrown away, for these women who are used, for these girls who have to sell their own dignity to have a job?" Francis asked during his morning homily Friday.

Francis has dedicated much of his pontificate to preaching about families, marriage and the problems that families today encounter. He is expected to highlight these issues during his August trip to Ireland where he'll close out the Catholic Church's big family rally.

Focus

AP

Dilapidated storefronts stand along baskets of pink petunias that hang from light posts all over town, watered regularly by residents trying to make their city feel alive again in Aberdeen, Wash., Friday, June 16, 2017. Six months into Trump's presidency, his supporters in this county, battered by drugs and death, maintain differing degrees of faith that he will make good on his promise to fix the rotting working class economy at the root of this plague on their doorstep.

Why many Americans aren't benefiting from robust US economy

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WASHINGTON (AP) — "The economy," Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell declared this week, "is doing very well."

And it is. Steady hiring has shrunk unemployment to 3.8 percent—the lowest since the 1960's. Consumers are spending. Taxes are down. Inflation is tame. Factories are busy. Demand for homes is strong. Household wealth is up.

Yet the numbers that collectively sketch a picture of a vibrant economy don't reflect reality for a range of Americans who still feel far from financially secure even nine years into an economic expansion.

From drivers paying more for gas and families bearing heavier child care costs to workers still awaiting decent pay raises and couples struggling to afford a home, people throughout the economy are straining to succeed despite the economy's gains.

They are people like Katy Cole, a 33 year-old music teacher from North Creek, New York, who's still repaying her student loans. It took her two years of working a second job to repair her credit and amass enough money to try to buy a home with her boyfriend. She just gave birth last month—the fourth child in her blended family—which means having to take unpaid leave from her school job.

"As far as the numbers saying everyone is working, that's great," Cole said. "But is everybody surviving? I don't think so. In a great economy, everybody is thriving—and not just a certain group."

When analysts at Oxford Economics recently studied American spending patterns, they found that the bottom 60 percent of earners was essentially drawing on their savings just to maintain their lifestyles. Their incomes weren't enough to cover expenses.

"Many people are still living on a paycheck-to-paycheck basis," said Gregory Daco, head of U.S. economics at Oxford.

Daco and other economists describe the economy as fundamentally healthy, a testament to the durable recovery from the 2008 financial crisis. The job market, in particular, is booming. But even many people who have jobs and are in little danger of losing them feel burdened and uneasy.

Here's a look at the economy from their perspectives:

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Even with inflation running at a relatively low 2.4 percent, one particular expense is weighing on anyone idling in traffic: Gasoline prices have surged 24 percent over the past year to a national average of $2.94 a gallon, according to AAA. That's the highest average since 2014.

Analysts at Morgan Stanley have estimated that the increase this year will likely eat away a third of people's savings from Trump's tax cuts. Gas prices are still below their high reached roughly a decade ago. Yet the increase this year represents an additional financial burden on consumers and businesses compared with a year ago.

HOMEBUYERS

A strong job market can actually be a curse for would-be homebuyers. With more people drawing paychecks and able to afford a home, demand has intensified. Yet the number of homes listed for sale is flirting with historic lows. The combination of high demand and low supply has driven prices to troubling high levels.

It's not just that home ownership is largely unobtainable in San Francisco or Seattle. The Case-Shiller index shows that home prices are rising more than 6 percent annually in Atlanta and Minneapolis. In the Detroit metro area, they're up nearly 8 percent over the past 12 months. By contrast, average hourly wages have risen just 2.7 percent over the past year.

The real estate brokerage Redfin says the median sales price in the 174 markets it covers has jumped 6.3 percent over the past year to $305,600. A general rule of thumb is that buyers can afford a home worth roughly three times their income. So the median home sales price far exceeds what a typical U.S. household earning a median $57,000 income can manage.

On top of that, 30-year fixed-rate mortgages are growing costlier. The average interest rate on these mortgages has jumped to 4.62 percent—from 3.95 percent at the start of the year—according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac.

THE MIDDLE CLASS

$100 trillion. That's roughly the net worth of U.S. households and nonprofits, according to the Federal Reserve.

Problem is, America's wealth is increasingly lopsided, with the affluent and the ultra-wealthy amassing rising proportions and everyone else benefiting modestly if at all.

The top 10 percent of the country holds 73 percent of its wealth, a share that has crept steadily up since 1986, according to the World Inequality Database. The most sweeping gains are concentrated among the top 1 percent; this group holds nearly 39 percent of the wealth. And they're arguably poised to become even more prosperous because Trump's tax cuts largely favored the wealthiest slice of individual taxpayers.

Contrast that with the middle 40 percent of the country, a group that would historically be considered middle class. In 1986, they held 36 percent of the country's wealth; now, it's just 27 percent.

Worse off is the bottom 40 percent of Americans: They have a negative net worth and almost no financial cushion in case of an emergency.

Most Americans can't draw on stocks, rental properties, capital gains or significant home equity to generate cash. They depend almost exclusively on wages. And after adjusting for inflation, the government reported that Americans' average hourly earnings haven't budged over the past 12 months.

HIGH SCHOOL-ONLY GRADS

Employers increasingly favor college graduates over people with only a high school diploma. Out of the 2.6 million jobs added in the past year, the government's job data shows that 70 percent of them went to college graduates. Workers who have graduated only from high school made up less than 1 percent of the job gains.

It wasn't this way in May 2000, when the unemployment rate was nearly as low as today. Back then, only 30 percent of new jobs went to college graduates. Census figures show that only 30 percent of Americans older than 25 have college degrees, which means a majority of the country isn't receiving the full benefit from the sustained job growth.

COLLEGE GRADS

For all their good fortune as the favored recipients of job growth, there's a major downside for recent college graduates. Obtaining a degree has increasingly coincided with ever-higher student debt loads. Since 2004, total student debt has climbed 540 percent to $1.4 trillion, according to the New York Federal Reserve. About 60 percent of college graduates from 2016 held debt, with an average of $28,400, according to the College Board. That figure doesn't include any graduate school debt. The Urban Institute found that advanced degree students borrowed an average of $18,210 in 2015—about triple what undergraduates borrowed that academic year.

Mounting student debt could hinder the buying of homes and formation of families that helped growth in previous decades. A survey last year by the National Association of Realtors found that student debt was delaying home ownership by seven years among millennials, a generation it defined as people born between 1980 and 1998.

ANYONE PAYING FOR CHILD CARE

Children are immensely expensive. For nearly a third of families, the costs of child care swallowed at least 20 percent of their income, according to a survey posted in March by the caregiver jobs site Care.com. Nearly a third of parents said they went into debt to cover child care expenses.

When Care.com assessed how much its members were spending on day care centers for infants yearly, the average cost was $10,486, and it ranged as high as $20,209. Nannies were even pricier.

Research also suggests that some women remain outside the workforce because of the comparatively weak family leave and child care policies in the United States relative to those in other developed economies. A result is that families are forgoing income that would otherwise benefit them and the economy.

When the unemployment rate was last around 3.8 percent in 2000, the proportion of women who either had a job or were looking for one was peaking. For women ages 25 to 54, that proportion—called the labor force participation rate—was roughly 77 percent in 2000. It's now 74.8 percent.

If women's labor force participation were to return to 77 percent, there would be 1.4 million more women in the work force.

Health & Wellness

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Ivy, left, and Andy Larson from Full Fitness Fusion demonstrate toe tip squats: Face each other with your arms out in front of you, holding hands. Stand on tiptoes. Bend knees, squat down and push bottom back until thighs are parallel to floor.

Tip-toe squats

Face each other with your arms fully extended in front of you, holding hands with your partner. Both should be standing on tiptoes and holding that position for 3 seconds. Next, both should drop into a chair position by bending your knees, squatting down and pushing your behind backward until your thighs are parallel to the floor. While doing this, you should still be on your tiptoes holding hands. Hold the chair position for 3 seconds before lifting back up to the starting position on your toes. Repeat 10 times.

Ivy, left, and Andy Larson from Full Fitness Fusion demonstrate airplanes holding hands: Stand at sides with both hands outstretched. Hold one hand, face same way. Lean forward while raising your inner legs up and behind you.

Airplanes holding hands

Stand at your partner's side with both hands outstretched to your sides. You should be far enough away from your partner that only your hands are touching. Hold one of your partner's hands while you both face forward, looking in the same direction. Both of you should lean forward at the same time while raising your innermost legs up and back. Stretch the leg up and back until your chest, abdomen and innermost legs are parallel to the floor. Hold this position for 3 seconds before returning to an upright position. Repeat 10 times before turning to face the other way to exercise your other leg.

Ivy, left, and Andy Larson from Full Fitness Fusion demonstrate single leg squats: Face partner and extent arms together, hold hands. Lift right foot while your partner lifts left foot until both of your thighs are parallel to the floor, and your toes are touching each others. Squat with the other leg.

Single-leg squats

Face your partner and extend your arms toward each other so you are holding hands. Lift your right foot while your partner lifts his left foot until both of your thighs are parallel to the floor and your toes are touching each other's. Squat with the other leg, trying to get as low as possible. Stay in the low squat for 3 seconds before lifting back to upright position. Keep your toes touching each other's and continue holding hands the entire time. Do 10 repetitions per leg.

Couples working it out:

Partner exercise routines can be more fun than doing it alone

By DANIELLE BRAFF
TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS

When the alarm goes off at 6 a.m., getting out of bed and heading to the gym may seem like an impossible task. Good news! Recent studies have found that exercising with a partner boosts motivation—and it's more fun than doing it alone.

Ivy Ingram Larson, the West Palm Beach, Fla., trainer and star of the "Full Fitness Fusion" DVD, created this partner workout. Larson suggests moving quickly between exercises in order to keep your heart rate elevated. Repeat the circuit three times.

Medicine ball toss

Face your partner while standing 6 feet apart. From a standing position, toss a weighted medicine ball (4 pounds is good for beginners) to your partner, who will catch it while moving into a squat, thighs parallel to the floor. Your partner should toss the ball back to you while rising into a standing position. Each partner should throw and catch the ball 20 times.

Ivy, left, and Andy Larson from Full Fitness Fusion demonstrating the medicine ball toss. Stand, toss a medicine ball to your partner who will catch, then squat.

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Ivy, right, and Andy Larson from Full Fitness Fusion demonstrate couple's hamstring and bicep curls: Lie on the floor face down in a line. Your partner kneels at feet and grasps back of your ankles while you raise ankles and feet toward your back with knees on the ground.

Couple's hamstring and bicep curls

Lie on the floor face down. Your partner should kneel on the floor on a mat, rug or towel, just behind your feet and grasp the back of your ankles as you raise your feet toward your back while keeping your knees on the ground. Stop the motion once your lower legs are perpendicular to the floor. Your partner should actively resist this movement. It should take about 3 seconds for your feet to travel from the floor to the upright position. Once at the top, your partner will start to actively pull your ankles and feet back down to the floor as you resist the effort for 3 more seconds. Your partner should remain kneeling on the floor so biceps and arms are working. Repeat 10 times, then switch.

Ivy, left, and Andy Larson from Full Fitness Fusion demonstrate arm resistance shoulder toning: Face each other at arms length. Raise your arms out to shoulder level 45 degrees with hands facing floor. Have partner push your arms down to the floor by placing pressure on the back of your hands and wrists.

Arm resistance shoulder toning

Facing your partner, stand arm's length apart. Raise your arms to shoulder level in front of your body at about 45 degrees. Your hands should face the floor. Start by having your partner push your arms down by placing pressure on the back of your hands and wrists. Actively resist your partner's efforts so that it takes about 3 seconds for your arms to be down at your waist level, and then start raising your arms against your partner's continued pressure for 3 more seconds until you are back at shoulder level. Repeat this 10 times before switching positions and letting your partner do 10 repetitions.

Ivy, right, and Andy Larson from Full Fitness Fusion demonstrate single leg bridge with foot press: Lye on floor with feet touching partner, right foot to left foot. Lift right foot and partner's left foot up two feet off floor.

Single-leg bridge with foot press

Lie on the floor on your back in a straight line so that your feet touch your partner's. The sole of your right foot should touch the sole of your partner's left foot. Lift your right foot and your partner's left foot about 2 feet off the floor. Keep your left leg bent to allow you to push your body off the floor into a bridge position. Your thigh, abs and chest should form a straight line with your lower back, and your glutes should be off the floor. Your partner should be doing the same thing using his opposite leg. Keep your right leg engaged by actively pressing into your partner's left foot as your raise and lower your body from bridge position to floor position 10 times, holding the bridge position for 3 seconds with each repetition. Then switch feet and work the other side 10 times.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

Maria Manahane Muna Sablan

***Lovingly Known as* Maria (Iya) Tedegua**

Born on February 1, 1932 was called to her new life on June 12, 2018.

In her New Life she now joins her:

Husband: †Vicente Santos Sablan
Parents: †Francisco Palacios Muna & †Regina Manahane Muna Untalan
Parents-In-Laws: †Thomas Palacios Sablan, †Rita Q. Sablan & †Isabel M. Cabrera
Brothers: †Juan M. Muna, †Dionicio M. Muna, †Tito M. Muna
In-Laws: †Ines S. Muna, †Soledad S./†Francisco C. Basa, †Juana Santos Sablan, †Faustina S./†Fernando M. Benavente, †Gregorio S. Sablan, †Ana S./†Henry T. Indalecio, †Jesus S. Sablan, †Daniel T. Muna, †Martin M. Taisacan, †Manuel C. Sablan, †Rita S. Mettao, †Thomas C./†Frances M. Sablan, Joaquin C. Sablan, †Maria Gonzales
Daughter-In-law: †Elphidia C. Sablan

Her loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

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Tito M. Sablan & †Elphidia C. Sablan: Pamela C. Sablan & Jesse C. Chong (Vincent-Jesse/Beng), Mary S. Dickinson & Jude C. Dickinson (Tito Jonathan, Kiana Maria, Jude Julian), Gina S. Delacruz & Jesse D. Delacruz (Jenna), Nicole C. Sablan & Chris R. Sablan (Christian, Isabella, Adrianna)
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Margarita S. & Jose T. Castro
Bernadita S. & Isidro Cabrera
†Joaquin C. & Grace Sablan
†Maria & Alfred Gonzales

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Alicia M. & Edgar Oliva and family, Francisco S. & Elisabeth Muna and family, Antonio S. Muna and family, Rita M. & †David Del Rosario and family, Patricia M. & Juan DLG. Aldan and family and Raymond S. & Cecilia Muna and family

Special thanks to her loving caregivers: Rowena David, Mely Altero and Josie Landa

She will be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, relatives, and friends.

Daily Mass of Intentions for the repose of her soul is being celebrated each morning at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 am.
On Wednesday, June 20, 2018 her remains will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home at 7:30 am to The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. The Responso, Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Visitation will follow upon arrival.
Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cementary.

UN DANGKULU NA SI YU'US MA'ASE, GINEN I FAMILIA.

Life & Style

Warner Bros. crackdown puts Dark Mark over Potter festivals

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Warner Bros. is cracking down on local Harry Potter fan festivals around the country, saying it's necessary to halt unauthorized commercial activity. Fans, however, liken the move to Dementors sucking the joy out of homegrown fun, while festival directors say they'll transfigure the events into generic celebrations of magic.

"It's almost as if Warner Bros. has been taken over by Voldemort, trying to use dark magic to destroy the light of a little town," said Sarah Jo Tucker, a 21-year-old junior at Chestnut Hill College, which hosts a Quidditch tournament that coincides with the annual suburban Philadelphia festival.

Philip Dawson, Chestnut Hill's business district director, said Warner Bros. reached out to his group in May, letting them know new guidelines prohibit festivals' use of any names, places or objects from the series. That ruled out everything from meet-and-greet with Dumbledore and Harry to Defense Against the Dark Arts classes.

"It was very quickly apparent (we) weren't going to be able to hold festivals like years past," he said. The late October festival drew about 45,000 fans last year to the historic neighborhood's cobblestone streets. This year, they will instead have a "wands and wizards" family night and pub crawl and other magic-themed events—and people can still dress as their favorite characters.

"We want to make the best of it," he said.

In this Oct. 19, 2013, photo, students from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., attending an annual festival in Philadelphia based on the Harry Potter fantasy series conceived by British author J.K. Rowling, hold brooms while waiting to play a match of a fictional sport described in the fantasy series, Quidditch, against students from Penn State University in State College, Pa., during the festival in the Chestnut Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia. AP

Chestnut Hill isn't the only community to receive cease-and-desist letters from the entertainment company. Festival directors around the country, including in Aurora, Illinois, and Ithaca, New York, were also told the new guidelines would prohibit much of the Potter-themed activities, which are typically free events.

It's all about protecting the trademark.

"Warner Bros. is always pleased to learn of the enthusiasm of Harry Potter fans, but we are concerned, and do object, when fan gatherings become a vehicle for unauthorized commercial activity," the company said.

Fans of the Philadelphia festival took to Twitter to try to get J.K. Rowling to help save the festival. A spokeswoman for the author said she has no comment.

Ithaca's "Wizarding Weekend" grew from a small celebration in an alleyway in 2015 to a full-fledged Potterfest hosting over 20,000 fans last year, said Darlynne Overbaugh, the festival's director. Warner Bros. sent her a letter in February.

She said she understands the company's need to protect the franchise, but she felt like her festival was helping to build it.

"I have a lot of disappointed people because there are certain aspects of festival I'm no longer able to do," she said, like Sorting Hat demonstrations. Her group is committed to still providing a magical experience, she said, even if it is one-that-shall-not-be-named.

"Magic existed before Harry Potter, and you can't put a trademark on enthusiasm and creativity," she said.

The festival crackdown is hardly the first time Warner Bros. has put the Avada Kedavra on Potter-themed fun. A woman in the U.K. was sent a cease-and-desist letter over a 2003 Hogwarts-themed dinner party she planned, with a guest list around 30.

And a Los Angeles bookstore called "Whimsic Alley" was sued by the company over its overtly Hogwarts-ian wares, from chocolate frogs to Gryffindor scarves. They settled but the store ended up closing last year. The opening of Wizarding World at Universal Studios Hollywood worked as a killing curse for the mom-and-pop shop.

Philadelphia Potter fan Sarah McIntyre thinks it's ridiculous for Warner Bros. to target the festivals.

"They are acting like the Dursleys," said the 34-year-old yoga teacher and bookkeeper. She said they should be encouraging communities to bring Harry Potter to life. "Creating interest in the franchise would increase revenue," she said.

Companies are always concerned about protecting their trademarks, said Gregory Mandel, professor of intellectual property law at Temple University. Warner Bros. has made a business decision to prevent these festivals from having any apparent association with them, and to prevent any possible profiting off the series, he said.

"Obviously one could argue that is the wrong business decision and that by having these informal pop-up festivals, it makes all the Harry Potter fans more enthusiastic and more likely to go to the movies and theme parks," he said.

Lorrie Kim is a member of the Potterdelphia club and huge Snape fan, and said she feels "disappointed and grim" to lose the festival.

"Seeing the throngs of families of all ages enjoying the festival together, all agreeing to suspend their skepticism for the day and believe in magic, is an experience that can't be manufactured," she said.

Illustrated love letter by Little Prince author is auctioned

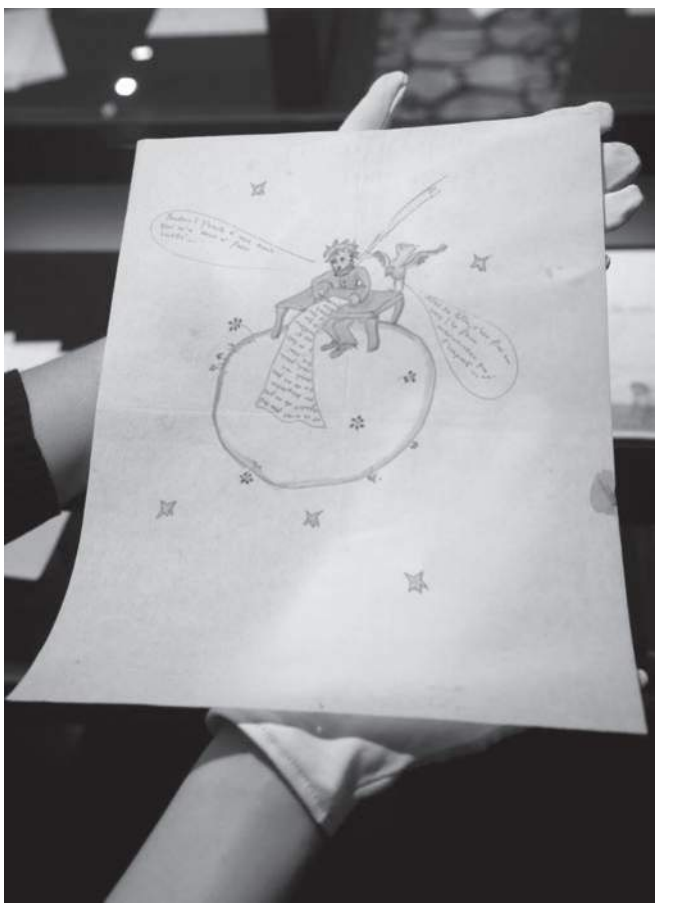
PARIS (AP)—An illustration by Antoine de Saint-Exupery showing a likeness of his renowned little prince atop a globe, adorning an anguished love letter, has sold at auction for 240,500 euros ($289,460).

Auction house Artcurial said the offering topped the sale Saturday of 49 autographed works by Saint-Exupery.

The watercolor, done around 1942, shows the likeness of the beloved character the author created for the 1943 book "The Little Prince" sitting at a desk with a long scroll of writing tumbling down the globe—representing an 11-page letter to a woman.

Artcurial says it was likely that it was Saint-Exupery's last correspondence before his plane disappeared in 1944 on a mission in World War II.

"The Little Prince" is one of the most translated books in history, according to the Paris-based Saint-Exupery Foundation.



A staff member of the auction house Artcurial displays a watercolor illustration by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, done around 1942, in Paris, France, Friday, June 15, 2018. The illustration showing a likeness of Saint-Exupery's renowned Little Prince atop a globe, adorning an anguished love letter, has sold at auction for 240,500 euros ($289,460). AP

'Jeopardy!' winner could get prison for sneaking into emails

ADRIAN, Mich. (AP)—A seven-time "Jeopardy!" winner who taught history at a small Michigan college faces up to five years in prison for sneaking into the email accounts of other professors, administrators and students.

Stephanie Jass, who taught at Adrian College in southern Michigan, pleaded guilty Wednesday in Lenawee Circuit Court to a charge of unauthorized computer access. Her sentencing is scheduled for July 20.

Authorities said Jass logged into other people's email accounts without permission over a four-day period last year after the college reset everyone's passwords and assigned everyone the same temporary password. Another professor learned what Jass had done and told school officials.

State police wrote in a report that the professor told a detective that Jass had a document that listed "notes and comments and problems" of faculty members, according to the Jackson Citizen Patriot.

The 48-year-old Jass, of Tecumseh, was later fired.

"Privacy rights are a fundamental principle of our American democracy and Adrian College stands with those who protect these rights," the school said after Wednesday's plea.

Jass' seven-episode "Jeopardy!" winning streak in 2012 was a record at the time for a female contestant. It was later broken.

Defense attorney Raymond Correll said in court Wednesday that he intends to seek a delayed sentence which would push back Jass' sentencing to see how she follows bond conditions set by a judge, according to the Daily Telegram of Adrian.

Apple announces multi-year content deal with Oprah Winfrey

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Apple says it has reached a multiyear deal with Oprah Winfrey to create original programs for its streaming service.

Apple said Friday the programs will be released worldwide as part of a lineup of original content.

Apple has yet to launch its service, whose major competitors will include Amazon and Netflix.

Winfrey founded and heads the OWN channel as chair and CEO. She recently extended her contract with OWN through 2025.

An OWN spokeswoman said Winfrey has an exclusive on-camera deal with OWN but can appear elsewhere on a limited basis.

Winfrey's content for Apple will be solely for the streaming service, the representative said.

Jay-Z, Beyonce release surprise album 'Everything Is Love'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jay-Z and Beyonce are keeping up a family tradition, dropping a surprise album before anyone knew it was coming.

The couple released a joint album that touches on the rapper's disgust at this year's Grammy Awards and features a shout out from their daughter Blue Ivy to her siblings.

The nine-track album "Everything Is Love" dropped Saturday on the Tidal music streaming service that Jay-Z partially owns.

The album features Beyonce rapping on songs more than she has done on previous releases.

One song that has a profanity in its title includes Jay-Z lashing out at the Grammys. He was the top nominee at February's awards show, but left empty-handed.

The rapper also says he turned down the NFL Super Bowl halftime show, rapping that the league needs him more than he needs them.

Blue Ivy ends the song "BOSS" with a shout-out to her 1-year-old brother and sister, Rumi and Sir.

In 2013, Beyonce released the self-titled album "Beyonce" without any notice.

Actor says husband's Tesla car shot flames in traffic

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor Mary McCormack has shared video of her husband's Tesla car shooting flames while in Southern California traffic.

McCormack said in an accompanying tweet Friday that there was "no accident" and the incident was "out of the blue."

Sheriff's Lt. William Nash in West Hollywood said Saturday that deputies saw smoke coming from the electric vehicle and then fire.

Deputies requested help from firefighters who quickly extinguished the flames.

Tesla called the incident "an extraordinarily unusual occurrence" and said it is investigating.

Nash said the driver, who was not named in a log entry, was out of the car and there were no injuries. Nash said the log entry cited the possibility of a faulty battery.

Representatives for McCormack did not immediately return a message Saturday seeking comment. She is married to director Michael Morris.

Neil Gaiman, Amanda Palmer lead New York's Mermaid Parade

NEW YORK (AP) — Throngs of people dressed as mermaids, fish and other aquatic creatures packed New York's Coney Island on Saturday for a sun-soaked edition of the zany Mermaid Parade.

Crowds cheered as Neil Gaiman, the author of fantasy works such as "American Gods," and his wife Amanda Palmer, a musician with the Dresden Dolls duo, led the parade dressed as King Neptune and Queen Mermaid.

The couple and their 2-year-old son were wheeled along the beachfront route in a wicker chair, taking in the colorful scenery that included everyone from a princess mermaid to a pirate zombie.

"We absolutely love mermaids and mythology and everything and this is like the most fun," said parade-goer Carley Boltz. "We just get to go once a year and just dress up and have a blast."

Cindy Lopez's princess mermaid mashup was complete with a tail that she planned to take for a dip in the ocean. Sean Marz wore sequins, an algae crown and sea shells covering his skivvies.

"There's a lot of shimmering objects pasted to my body," he said.

The Mermaid Parade was founded in 1983 to bring mythology to life and give New Yorkers a chance to express themselves in public.

Beloved Glasgow School of Art badly damaged by a 2nd fire

LONDON (AP)—Glasgow has suffered a major blow as a second severe fire in four years has gutted the historic Glasgow School of Art, one of the Scottish city's most beloved cultural treasures.

Fire officials said Saturday the fire was mostly under control and that there seemed to be no casualties, but said that every floor of the historic building at the heart of the city center was damaged.

The cause of the fire has not been established. It came near the end of a multimillion pound (dollar) project to restore the building to its former glory after a 2014 fire.

Now the rebuilding project will have to start again—if the structure is still sound enough.

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said the government is ready to provide "any support that may be required" in the aftermath of the blaze.

"This is a very sad morning in the city of Glasgow," she said. "Glasgow School of Art is an institution that is loved not just by its students, staff and the people of this city, but by many around the world."

The arts school building, known as the Mackintosh Building, was designed by celebrated Scottish architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh and built between 1897 and 1909.

It was regarded as his masterpiece, and officials had spared no expense in the restoration that began after the 2014 fire.

Sam Patterson, vice president of the Glasgow Institute of Architects, said the spread of the fire throughout the entire building would make any restoration effort extremely difficult.

MUSIC DAY AP

French president Emmanuel Macron, right, and Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte attend a joint press conference during their meeting at the Elysee Palace in Paris, France, Friday, June 15, 2018. French President Emmanuel Macron and new Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte meet Friday amid tensions between the two countries over migration. The French presidency is going to host an unprecedented electronic music show in the elegant courtyard of the Elysee palace on the country's Music Day on Thursday. The presidency said Saturday that the "free and festive event" will take place with five French DJs in front of the 18th-century building as part of a popular evening of street concerts.

Couple planning a family disagree about adoption

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been happily married for two years. We both want biological children later, when the timing is right.

A while ago, some friends adopted a little girl from Russia. The girl was orphaned and badly in need of medical treatment. Our friends got her everything she needed and more, and I was touched by the experience of watching her develop into a happy, healthy child.

I realized I had a desire to do something similar, so I told my husband I wanted to adopt a child. He immediately shot the idea down and said he'd never be interested in raising a kid that wasn't his. It broke my heart a little. I'm not willing to end my marriage over this, but how can I reconcile my hurt feelings and not feel resentful?

FUTURE MAMA IN ALABAMA

DEAR FUTURE MAMA: Your friends were fortunate because not all adoptions are successful, and not all blended families are happy ones. Be glad your husband was honest with you, and consider starting your family sooner than you originally planned—provided you and your husband are in agreement about the timing.

DEAR ABBY: This has been bothering me for a while. Why do people put very old pictures of the deceased in the obituary? The people haven't looked like that for more than 40-plus years.

When I look at the obituaries and see the picture, I think how sad it is that the person died so young. Then I read the article and see they were in their 80s or 90s, and the photo was taken when they were in their 40s or even younger. I have seen high school pictures even.

Close friends and family know what they looked like when they died. Do they think they're fooling anyone?

CURRENT PHOTO IN OHIO

DEAR CURRENT PHOTO: Please don't jump to conclusions. I don't think the pictures are published to "fool" anybody. This is how the family would like to remember their loved one —in the full bloom of youth. If it comforts them, it should be fine with the rest of us because it's harming no one.

DEAR ABBY: What's the polite way to get guests to leave at the end of the night? I'm a pretty direct person, so generally I say, "Well, it's getting late now," or "I'm tired and would like to go to bed," but my husband keeps telling me I'm being rude.

When inviting someone over, is it in poor taste to ask them to leave by a certain time? I love that guests feel so comfortable and welcome in our home, but my husband and I work full time and have a 1-year-old. I need some ME time at the end of the day.

RUDE HOST IN THE EAST

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR "RUDE": A variation on how you're handling this would be to stand up and say, "'John' and I want to thank you for coming, but we have to work tomorrow." For a guest to ignore that cue would be rude. An almost surefire way to ensure guests are out by a certain time would be to make clear when they are invited that the evening will be "between 7 o'clock and 10."

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

BOY, DON'T GO NEAR DAD. WHAT A GROUCH!
I DON'T SEE WHY HE CAN'T BE CIVIL JUST BECAUSE I ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED A DUFFEL BAG OVERBOARD AND HE BROKE HIS GLASSES.
ARE YOU GOING TO TELL HIM HE LEFT THE CAR LIGHTS ON BACK WHERE WE GOT THE CANOE?
I THINK YOU SHOULD TELL HIM.
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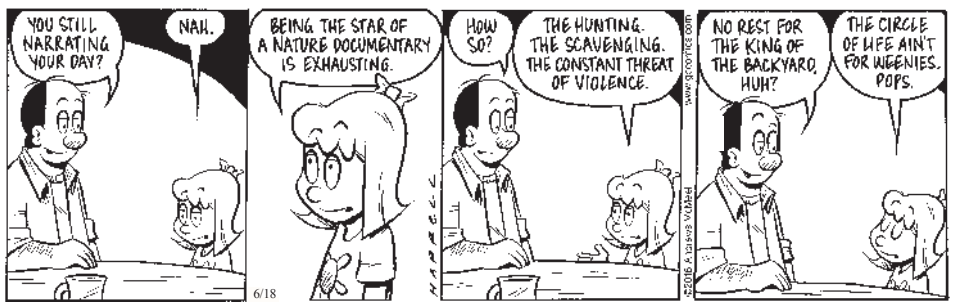
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

OKAY, SO I'M TURNING 40
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE...
ONLY TEN MORE YEARS UNTIL I GET THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S DISCOUNT AT DONUT BARN!
JIM DAVIS 6-18

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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BEING THE STAR OF A NATURE DOCUMENTARY IS EXHAUSTING.
HOW SO?
THE HUNTING. THE SCAVENGING. THE CONSTANT THREAT OF VIOLENCE.
NO REST FOR THE KING OF THE BACKYARD, HUH?
THE CIRCLE OF LIFE AIN'T FOR WIGGIES, POPS.
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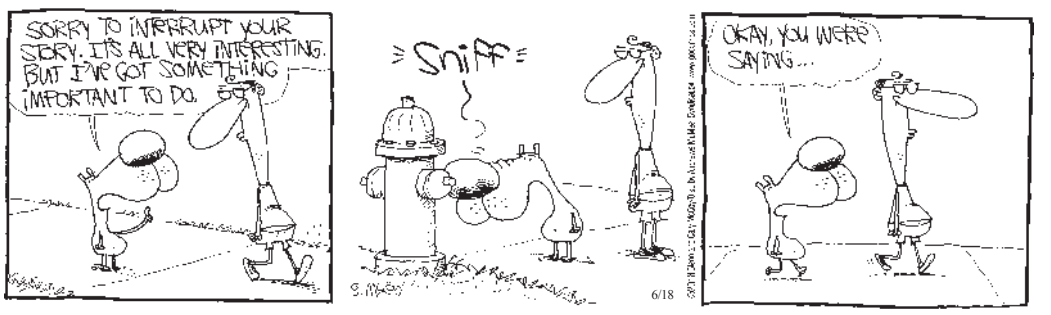
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR STORY. IT'S ALL VERY INTERESTING. BUT I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO.
SNIFF
OKAY, YOU WERE SAYING...
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Back talk
5 Tampa Bay NFLer
8 Screenwriter James
12 Craving
13 Hot temper
14 Snitched
15 Bellow
16 Flaw in a floor board
18 Drink
20 Stockholm's land
21 "The Lion King" lioness
23 Bankbook abbr.
24 Land depression
28 Weeps
31 Nabokov novel
32 Rascal
34 "Gosh!"
35 Bulb measure
37 Space under a desk
39 Savings plan acronym
41 Madrid miss (Abbr.)
42 Chronic complainer
45 Male goose
49 Golf course type
51 Metric weight
52 "Sad to say ..."
53 French diarist Anaïs
54 Historic periods
55 Raised ridge
56 DIY buy
57 Actress Russo

DOWN
1 iPhone voice
2 Teensy bit
3 Wound cover
4 Get smaller
5 Schwinn protector
6 Coffee vessel
7 Corp. leaders
8 Acropolis setting
9 All set
10 Vogue rival
11 Genesis garden
17 Prefix with night or light
19 Scrooge's cries
22 Alda and Arkin
24 Cutting tool
25 Hollywood's Lupino
26 Countrywide
27 Up-and-coming
29 — canto
30 Observe
33 Anti-fur org.
36 Most faithful
38 Yearn (for)
40 Berliner's cry
42 Chew (on)
43 Anger
44 Toot one's horn
46 Tragic
47 Flair
48 American Beauty, e.g.
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Solution time: 26 mins.

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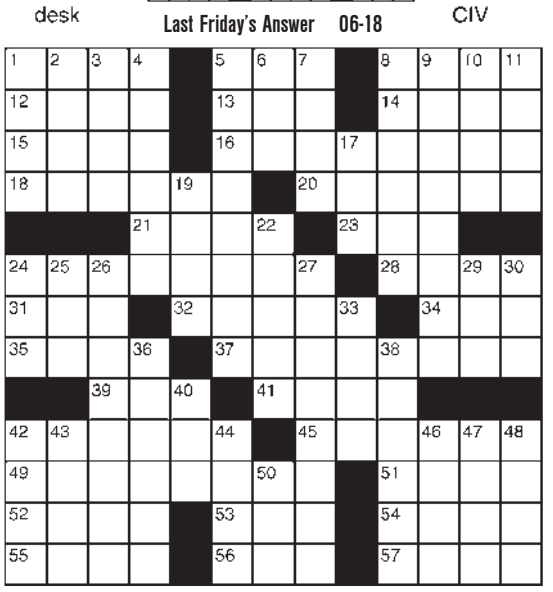

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Blake Shelton, 42; Carol Kane, 66; Isabella Rossellini, 66; Paul McCartney, 76.

Happy Birthday: Put the past behind you. Let your imagination take over, and you'll come up with ideas that will enhance the way you live. Take the initiative to turn your plans into something concrete. Don't let anyone slow you down or interfere in your life or the goals you are trying to achieve. Live in the moment and strive for success. Your numbers are 8, 14, 20, 29, 32, 43, 46.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Put more energy into the changes you want to make. Whether it has to do with work or a relationship you have with someone, you are better off showing how you feel than talking about it or complaining. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Take your time. Don't feel the need to make a snap decision, even if someone puts pressure on you. Biting off too much will leave you stressed and feeling regret. Think big but live within your means. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Your charm will encourage others to pitch in and help you get things done. Home improvements, physical fitness and taking the time to think matters through before you agree to something someone wants you to do should be priorities. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Assess whatever situation you face and take action. Added discipline and insight will help you make choices that will lead to positive change. Enhance your relationships by offering encouragement and support, not by overspending or making unrealistic promises to impress someone. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* You may crave change, but if you act in haste, you will make a mistake that can affect your position, status or reputation. Look inward and make self-improvements that are within your budget and will enhance your love life. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Share your thoughts before you set your plans in motion. Someone you care about and respect will have valuable advice to offer that will change the outcome of whatever it is you are trying to do. Aim to please. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Keep moving. Don't let laziness set in, or you will let someone down. Complaints can be expected if you don't hold up your end of an agreement. Offer love and affection to avoid getting into an argument. Avoid poor spending habits. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* If you want things to get done, you'll have to do them yourself. Use your imagination to find an effective way to reach your goals. The impression you make will invite interesting comments as well as proposals. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Be careful how you deal with others. Keeping details straight and sticking to the facts will help you deal with someone's inconsistency, confusion or emotional manipulation. Transparency will be essential if you want to avoid conflict. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You've got the information, knowledge and wherewithal to follow through with your plans. Changes you make will encourage financial gains as well as help to improve your relationship with a peer, friend or relative. A partnership looks promising. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* You'll feel anxious and compelled to make a change without thinking matters through. A problem with institutions, government agencies or superiors will develop if you don't abide by the rules. Indulgent behavior should be avoided. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Look for a way to bring in more cash. Use your skills to help others; you will receive unexpected rewards. Don't take risks that can lead to injury or poor health. Networking events will result in connecting with someone influential. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are excitable, entertaining and charismatic. You are energetic and innovative.

(To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.)

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 6/18

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

PHASES OF THE MOON Solution: 11 letters

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Last Friday's Answer: Quadrennial

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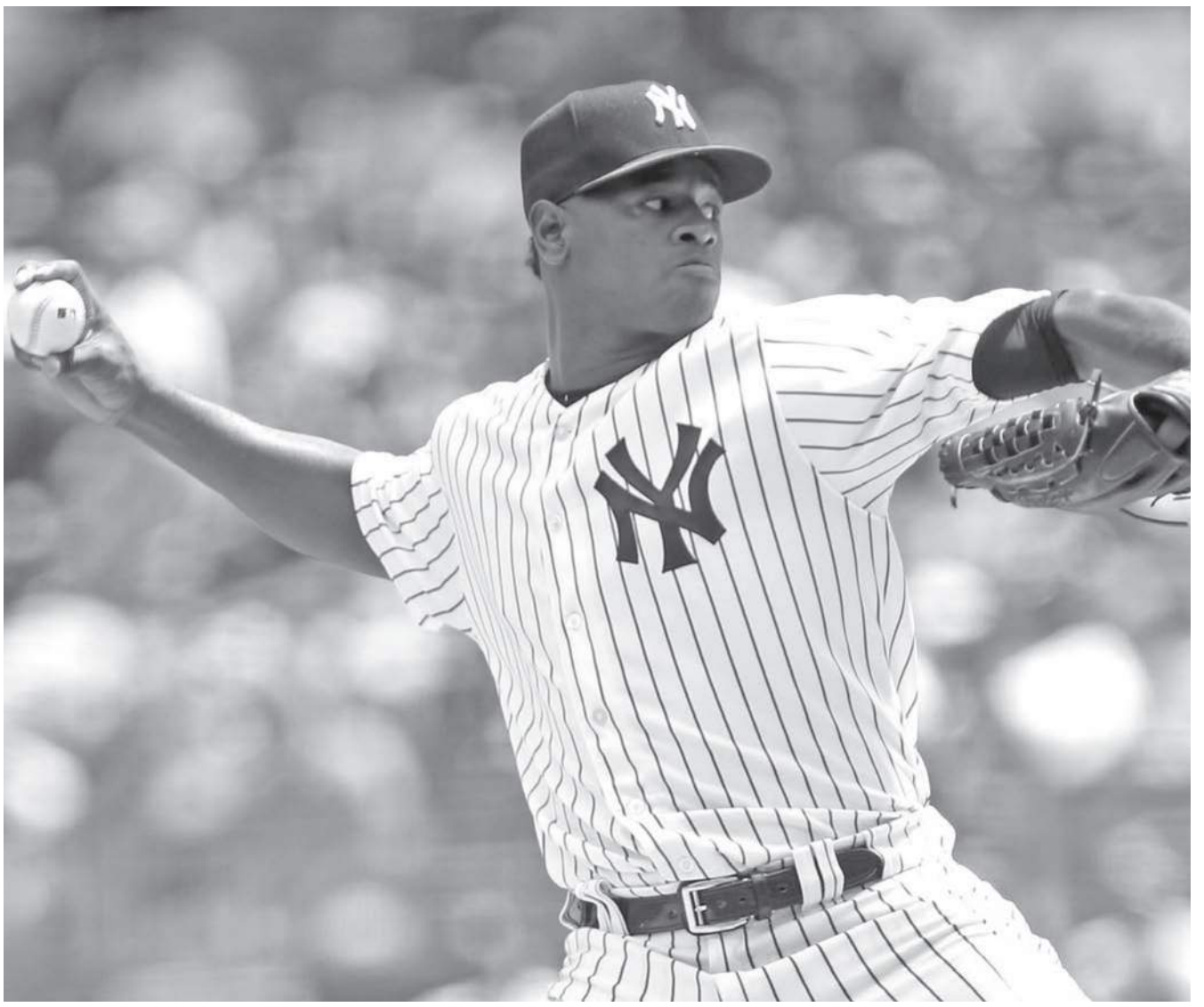
Old-Timers' Day at Yankee Stadium, Astros surge

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The Houston Astros won their 10th straight game, with Dallas Keuchel getting three-run homers from Max Stassi and Alex Bregman to rout the Kansas City Royals 10-2 on Saturday.

Jose Altuve hit a two-run double in the first inning to send the World Series champions on their way. The Astros had an 11-game win streak last season that ended in Kansas City.

The Royals have lost five in a row and are just 2-12 in June.

Keuchel (4-8) began to emerge from a monthlong funk, allowing two unearned runs and six hits in six innings. The 2015 Cy Young winner had surrendered a combined 17 runs over his last three outings.



AP
New York Yankees pitcher Luis Severino delivers a pitch during the third inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday, June 16, 2018, in New York.

Yankees 4, Rays 1

In New York, Luis Severino pitched eight sharp innings and also jumped to steal away a popup from catcher Gary Sanchez as New York won for the 13th time in 16 games.

Giancarlo Stanton and Sanchez hit back-to-back home runs to help the Yankees send the Rays to their 18th loss in 22 games at Yankee Stadium.

Severio (10-2) simply overwhelmed a weak-hitting Rays lineup that has produced just one run over its last 21 innings.

Meanwhile, Old-Timers' Day is always a special occasion at Yankee Stadium, and this year's festivities are set to feature Hall of Famers Whitey Ford and Reggie Jackson, along with first-timers Andy Pettitte, Jason Giambi and current Yankees manager Aaron Boone. The fun begins before New York takes on Tampa Bay. The Yankees are the only team in the majors that regularly holds these events, and this marks the 72nd annual Old-Timers' Day in the Bronx—Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb were among those in attendance at the very first one on Sept. 28, 1947, two days before the Yankees hosted the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series opener.

Tigers 7, White Sox 5

In Chicago, Nicholas Castellanos homered twice and Jose Iglesias hit a tiebreaking RBI single in Detroit's two-run eighth for its fourth straight win.

Castellanos hit a three-run drive in the third and a two-run shot in the fifth. It was his first multihomer game since Aug. 22 against the Yankees and No. 4 for his career.

Blue Jays 2, Nationals 0

In Toronto, Max Scherzer lost his second straight start for the first time since 2015 when Marco Estrada pitched 6 2/3 shutout innings and Devon Travis homered to lead Toronto past Washington.

Braves 1, Padres 0

In Atlanta, Sean Newcomb pitched six scoreless innings and Charlie Culberson homered to lead Atlanta.

The NL East-leading Braves improved to 25-7 when their starter pitches at least six innings, and Newcomb has been a big reason for the success.

Mets 5, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Michael Conforto homered and drove in four runs, Steven Matz pitched effectively into the seventh inning and New York ended a four-game skid.

Conforto lined a three-run homer in the second inning, and that was all the support Matz (3-4) needed against one of baseball's hottest teams.

Marlins 5, Orioles 4

In Baltimore, J.T. Realmuto homered twice and had four RBI off Alex Cobb, and Miami handed Baltimore its ninth straight loss.

Realmuto singled in a run in the first inning, hit a two-run shot in the third and led off the fifth with his ninth home run. It was his fourth career multihomer game, the second this season.

Athletics 6, Angels 4

In Oakland, Stephen Piscotty hit a tiebreaking, two-run single with two outs in the sixth inning and Oakland held on to beat Los Angeles.

Chad Pinder homered and tripled, Marcus Semien also went deep and Jonathan Lucroy drew a bases-loaded walk to help Oakland end its season-high four-game losing streak.

Pirates 6, Reds 2

In Pittsburgh, Josh Harrison hit a two-run homer, Colin Moran and Elias Diaz added solo shots and Pittsburgh pulled away from Cincinnati.

Moran and Diaz both went deep off Luis Castillo (4-8) to give Pittsburgh the lead. Harrison hit his fourth of the season off reliever Austin Brice in the sixth.

Rockies 5, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Adrian Beltre hit a tiebreaking two-run triple in the eighth inning, and Texas snapped a seven-game losing streak.

The 39-year-old Beltre, who has been on the disabled list twice this season because of a strained left hamstring, got the triple on a fly ball that went over the head of right fielder Carlos Gonzalez and ricocheted off the bottom half of the outfield wall.

Twins 9, Indians 3

In Cleveland, pitcher Carlos Carrasco was pulled after he was struck on the right arm by a line drive, and Minnesota got four hits from Eddie Rosario in a win over Cleveland.

Carrasco grabbed his arm after being hit by Joe Mauer's leadoff liner in the second inning and went to his knees on the infield grass.

Phillies 4, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Rhys Hoskins and Andrew Knapp hit home runs and Philadelphia overcame stranding 15 runners on base.

Zach Eflin (4-2) beat Milwaukee for the second time in a week. The Brewers began the day with the best record in the National League, and had scored 40 runs against the Phillies in four previous games before being stymied by Eflin and four relievers.

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Mariners 1, Red Sox 0

In Seattle, Wade LeBlanc pitched into the eighth inning and Nelson Cruz had an RBI single to lead Seattle.

LeBlanc gave up just two hits and struck out nine over 7 2/3 innings. After a single by Mookie Betts on the opening at-bat of the game, LeBlanc (3-0) retried the next 22 batters until Eduardo Nunez singled with two outs in the eighth.

Dodgers 3, Giants 1

In Los Angeles, Enrique Hernandez and Matt Kemp each homered for the second consecutive game, and Alex Wood got his first victory since May 20 to help Los Angeles to its fifth straight win.

The Dodgers are 11-2 in June and 21-6 since May 17. The Giants have lost 17 of their last 23 road games and are 3-6 on their 10-game trip to Washington, Miami and Los Angeles.

Cubs 6, Cardinals 3

In St. Louis, Addison Russell and Jason Heyward homered and Ian Happ had a tiebreaking RBI double in the seventh to help Chicago rally past St. Louis.

Cubs starter Kyle Hendricks (5-6) gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings, snapping a career-high three game losing streak. Brandon Morrow got the last three outs for his 16th save in 17 chances.

Chicago trailed 2-0 and then 3-2 before Kyle Schwarber's RBI single in the fifth tied the score for the second time. Happ's double off Sam Tuivailala (1-2) in the seventh gave the Cubs their first lead.

Happ has three hits, including a homer, with two RBI and two runs scored in the last two games against the Cardinals, who dropped their season-high fourth in a row.

Eagles get Super Bowl rings honoring team, fans

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The Philadelphia Eagles are sporting some bling to commemorate their Super Bowl victory.

Players, coaches and organization members received their rings during a red-carpet party in Philadelphia on Thursday night.

Cast in 10-karat white gold, the ring features 219 diamonds and 17 green sapphires. For the first time, the rings are inscribed with each player's signature.

The ring honors Eagles fans with a silhouette of Lincoln Financial Field and the title of the team's fight song, "Fly, Eagles Fly."

The ring also features a waterfall of 127 diamonds, paying tribute to the "Philly Special." The 127 diamonds represent the sum of the jersey numbers of the three players who handled the ball in the most memorable play of the team's 41-33 victory over the New England Patriots.

Meanwhile, the Arizona Cardinals have signed punter Andy Lee to a two-year contract extension through 2020.

Financial terms of the deal weren't disclosed Thursday.

The 35-year-old Lee averaged 47.3 yards last season, his first with Arizona, to break the franchise record and finish seventh in the NFL.

Lee has a 46.4-yard average in 217 games in 14 seasons with San Francisco, Cleveland, Carolina and Arizona. He's a three-time Pro Bowl and All-Pro selection.

The Cardinals have also signed wide receiver Greg Little to a one-year contract after he participated in this week's minicamp on a tryout basis.

Little hasn't played in an NFL game since 2014.

He was a second-round draft pick of the Cleveland Browns out of North Carolina in 2011. In 54 career NFL games, 42 as a starter, he has caught 161 passes for 1,890 yards and eight touchdowns for the Browns (2011-13) and Cincinnati (2014). He was released by Buffalo at the end of the 2016 preseason.

Arizona also released linebacker Frank Ginda and wide receiver Cobi Hamilton.

Leonard prefers Lakers, but Celtics, Sixers could offer more

AP

San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard, left, and Denver Nuggets forward Wilson Chandler, right, reach for the ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, in San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO—Kawhi Leonard has made the San Antonio Spurs more dysfunctional than the Knicks. At least for now.

The disgruntled and aloof Leonard has turned the so-called gold standard of NBA franchises on its head by reportedly asking for a trade. Those weren't Leonard's words because Leonard never speaks.

In all likelihood this is coming from "Kawhi's camp" because all NBA superstars must have a camp: those behind-the-scenes folks who never hold the player accountable, but instead blame everyone else.

All we ever hear is "you don't know the whole story" from Leonard's people. Well, Leonard had all year to explain his actions or non-actions but he passed on that opportunity.

Of course, neither Leonard nor the Spurs are blameless here. Leonard appeared in nine games last season, spent much of his time rehabbing a quad injury in New York and didn't even bother to attend any of the Spurs' five playoff games.

His shocking behavior was mostly given a pass because Leonard was always viewed as the quiet, unassuming professional who played for the lovable, small market Spurs and their gruff, left leaning, can-do-no-wrong head coach Gregg Popovich.

Just imagine the uproar if LeBron James basically stayed away from his team for most of the season as everyone was led to believe he was healthy enough to play? Or Kobe Bryant?

Kristaps Porzingis took heat for spending all of last summer training in Latvia for crying out loud.

The Spurs veteran point guard Tony Parker did publicly call out Leonard for making a slow recovery. It was a revealing comment that blew the lid off this charade. And in the grand scheme of things it probably didn't help mend a strained relationship, much less a strained quad.

Nor was the healing process aided when stories surfaced that painted Leonard and only Leonard as the bad guy. Those stories weren't being leaked by Leonard's camp, so who would want that information out there?

Of course, the obvious answer is the Spurs. Let's assume that's the case here. It would seem only fair that there is an investigation to determine the source of the leak. If we're going to investigate year-old tweets from burner accounts linked to former Sixers president Bryan Colangelo, why wouldn't harmful information about Leonard spark similar outrage?

That's a story for another day. For now, we'll focus on Leonard, who reportedly would prefer to be traded to the Los Angeles Lakers. A source familiar with the Spurs' thinking—don't bother investigating because I'll take his/her name to the grave—confirms that the Spurs can get a better package from the Celtics or Sixers.

Celtics president Danny Ainge is always thinking big so Boston is obviously in play. If I'm the Spurs, I'm asking for Jaylen Brown and Gordon Hayward, but not Kyrie Irving. Great player but he's got a bum knee and he'll be a free agent next summer. Brown, a big talent and mature beyond his years, is on a rookie contract while Hayward is under contract.

The Sixers want in and you'd have to believe the Knicks would be interested. A source close to Leonard—again, don't bother asking – told me in February that Leonard enjoyed his time living in South Orange, N.J., and would not be opposed to a move to New York. That would include both teams in town, the Knicks and Nets. But neither has enough unless the Knicks move Porzingis and future picks.

So much for that rebuilding narrative, right?

Don't rule out the Miami Heat or even the Clippers, but the smart money says Lakers because in a player's league it is the employees who run the asylum. Kyrie forced his way out of Cleveland last summer and found a favorable landing spot.

Two years ago, Kevin Durant took advantage of his free agency to leave a contender and join the 73-win Golden State Warriors. Now, Leonard is calling the shots and two weeks from now LeBron James will be a free agent and likely on the move to the Lakers.

About a week ago former NBA player Andrew Bogut tweeted that not only will another super team be formed but the process had already started. Sounds like Bogut may be on to something.

Berger, Finau ride early tee time into share of US Open lead

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP)—Daniel Berger managed to hit a sweet spot that was even smaller than the target area on one of Shinnecock Hills' glassy greens: He played well enough to make the cut at the U.S. Open, but not so well that he teed off among the leaders after the course turned treacherous late in the day.

Just one stroke ahead of the cut line after 36 holes, Berger parlayed an early tee time into a 4-under 66 on Saturday to improve to 3 over for the tournament—still seven strokes behind second-round leader Dustin Johnson as he began his round.

Tony Finau teed off 44 minutes later, at 10:57 a.m., and also shot 66 to finish at 3 over.

Then they waited for more than four hours while the course brought the rest of the field back to them.

"I think to get out there early and play a good round really was to my benefit," said Berger, who was in a four-way tie with Finau, Brooks Koepka (72) and Johnson (77). "If someone shoots 4 under this afternoon, it's more like 8 under."

No one came close.

There were five rounds at or under par the whole day, and none of them teed off after 11:08 a.m. The first 11 groups had a scoring average of 73.6; the last 11 groups –the top 22 golfers through the first 36 holes—averaged 77.

"The guys that were playing at 3 o'clock are playing a different course than the guys that played at 11," said Russell Knox, who teed off at 1:09 p.m. and shot 75. "I don't think it crossed the line, but it was as hard of golf as we can play."

Playing in the last group, Johnson shot 77, with a bogey on the last hole that cost him sole possession of the lead. Koepka played the last seven holes at 3 over. Justin Rose (73) had five bogeys on the last 11 holes. Henrik Stenson (74) made the turn at 1 under and shot 40 on the back nine.

Rickie Fowler started the day tied for ninth and shot 84. He left the course wishing he had played more poorly in the first two rounds and avoided the worst the course had to offer.

"It would just be nice, if I'm not sitting here wishing I made cut at five or six over," said Fowler, who teed off at 2:26 p.m. "When it's that big an advantage to playing in the morning versus the afternoon, I think it takes away from the work that the guys have done the first two days."

Finau finished the third round hoping he could enter Sunday within six strokes of the lead; more than that would be too far back, he figured.

"I barely made the cut," Finau said. "Going into today, I needed something special to happen to even have an outside chance."

Something special did happen.

Shinnecock happened.

Just like in 2004, the last time the U.S. Open was held here, the USGA conceded it lost control of the course. Chief executive Mike Davis said the wind was stronger than expected, drying out the greens and making some of the holes unplayable.

"It was a tale of two different golf courses today," he said. "We want the U.S. Open to be tough, but we saw some examples late in the day where well-executed shots were not only not being rewarded, but in some cases penalized."

Players didn't need to be told that.

At least not the ones who teed off in the afternoon.

"Nobody enjoys that," Knox said. "I made three birdies today and they felt like eagles. But when it's like that, you just guarantee you're going to get a superstar winner. Because you cannot fake it when it's that difficult."

Mickelson penalized

Phil Mickelson intentionally hit a moving putt on the 13th green, then asked the USGA to explain the ruling after hearing suggestions he should be disqualified from the U.S. Open.

His bogey putt from above the hole ran by the cup and was headed down a slope when he trotted over and swatted it back toward the hole with the ball still in motion. He was assessed a two-stroke penalty, scored a 10 on the hole -- the highest number anyone has managed in this tournament—and wound up shooting 81.

Later, after acknowledging he was using Rule 14-5 to his advantage, Mickelson called USGA officials.

"Phil really did want to understand how the rule operates because he didn't want to frankly, as he said to me: `I don't want to play in this championship if I should have been disqualified," said Mike Davis, the USGA's chief executive.

"That's where we clarified that, `Phil, you actually made a stroke at a moving ball, and so we have to apply that rule.' "That's different than if he had deliberately just stopped the ball or whacked it in another direction or something like that. So it's just, it's us applying the rules."

CNMI Girls U16 Team recovers on Day 2 of PH camp

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The CNMI Girls U16 National Team made up for its sluggish start in the training camp in the Philippines after sweeping their matches last Friday.

The Commonwealth's youth team prevailed against Tuloy Girls U16 and Boys U12 in similar scores, 2-0. The host squads are from Tuloy Foundation, Inc., a non-profit group that provides residential care and services, including soccer training, to children and youth. Then Tuloy had its new players (U12 boys and U15 girls) challenged the CNMI crew for the third time with the visitors winning anew, 2-0. Last Thursday, the Commonwealth players fell to Tuloy Girls U16, 0-1, and Boys U15, 0-5.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI Girls U16 National Team's Paulynn Joyce tries to keep control of the ball during a training match against Tuloy's Girls U16 last Friday in the Philippines.

"Against Tuloy Girls U16 last Friday, for the first 30 minutes the girls had a lot of successful connecting passes and buildups from the defensive line. We had many attempts to score. Had our finishing been better, the goal difference would have been much higher than 2. Defensively, the girls were able to execute what they were taught during training. They were able to not just kick the ball away from the opponents, but to actually regain possession and transition from defense to offense a lot more smoothly, which resulted in many scoring opportunities," team manager Mikky Vargas said.

Versus Tuloy's Boys U12, Vargas said the girls faced a smaller, but speedier foes. The visiting team capitalized on their heft advantage to score two more goals.

"They had quick 1-2 plays and were able to get through our blindside easily. However, we were able to successfully attack because of the huge difference in size," the team manager added.

Then for the final game on Day 2 of the training camp, the CNMI bets were pitted against newbies.

"The last game was played against U12-16 players that are very new to the sport. The girls applied what they learned in training and were able to regain the ball on several occasions. They also had some connecting passes and buildups from the defense line. All in all, the girls played much better during this game compared to the second one," Vargas said.

The Day 2 matches were held in the afternoon, while training sessions took place in the morning.

"We worked on our team's defensive tactics on regaining the ball. There were many instances during their first game where once the girls lost the ball to the opposition, they did not know what steps to take in order to regain the ball," added Vargas.

The team completed the PH training camp over the weekend and is scheduled to return to Saipan today. It played training matches in Guam and the Philippines as part of its preparations for the AFC U16 Women's Championship 2019 Qualifiers Round 1 that will be held in Tajikistan this September.

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set pieces.

"We have a clear identity and everybody is on board how we should play," Iceland coach Heimer Hallgrimsson said.

And they don't just dig into the trenches, either. Alfred Finnbogason, who scored Iceland's lone goal on Saturday, noted that the team has moved from a traditional 4-4-2 lineup to having five midfielders, which bolsters their marauding ranks on the counterattack.

"We are more unpredictable now, and hopefully we'll show that in the competition," he said.

Confident though they are, the Icelanders don't need to be reminded that they are from the smallest country every to qualify for the World Cup.

"Deep down, we know that we come from Iceland. And we are very outnumbered if you look at population numbers," Halldorsson said. "So there's always this thought that, maybe we are tiny Iceland and maybe they are going to crush us. So maybe that's also what keeps us on our toes, that we are always a bit worried that we might get smacked."

In the meantime, the team and its Viking-helmeted fans will continue to make the most of their first time on soccer's biggest stage.

"When you go to the World Cup as a goalkeeper, you have certain dream scenarios. There are some things you hope or wish for, and saving a penalty from Messi in the first game is definitely one of them," Halldorsson said. "When the penalty was given, I felt, `OK, this is going to be my moment."

The whole team—maybe the whole country, which marks its independence day on Sunday—is probably feeling the same way.

Croatia 2, Nigeria 0

Croatia beat Nigeria Saturday with an own goal from Oghenekaro Etebo and a penalty from Luka Modric to go top of World Cup Group D, one of the toughest and most unpredictable in the tournament.

Modric's coolly taken 71st minute spot kick gave the scoreline a clear-cut feel, but the fact that Croatia failed to score on their own from open play was testament to some wayward shooting.

While dominating for long periods, they struggled to penetrate the Nigerian defense and failed repeatedly to find the target with speculative shots from well outside the penalty area.

The result puts Croatia in pole position for now after Argentina—their next opponents in the group—were unexpectedly held to a 1-1 draw by Iceland.

Denmark 1, Peru 0

Yussuf Poulsen scored in the 59th minute to give Denmark all the scoring it needed in a 1-0 victory over Peru in both team's World Cup opener.

Peru, making its first World Cup appearance in 36 years, missed a key chance to get on the board early when Christian Cueva botched a penalty kick just before halftime.

Peru's Paolo Guerrero, the country's all-time scoring leader, didn't start but came on toward the end to try to spark some offense to no avail.

France 2, Australia 1

France became the first team to win a Video Assistant Referee decision in World Cup play in a win over Australia in the opener for both teams Saturday in Kazan.

After a scoreless first half, the VAR system was used to overturn a missed foul against France's Antoine Griezmann after play was initially waved on. After the video review, a penalty kick was assessed and Griezmann drove it home for the lead at the 58-minute mark.

Australia tied it on a penalty kick by Mile Jedinak four minutes later, but Paul Pogba sealed it for France with nine minutes left in regulation.

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the hammer throw and got the silver after recording 21.52m. Guam's Justin Andrew earned the gold with his 46.35m, while Kelvin Fitial gave the CNMI another podium finish after posting 20.10m, Ichiuo and Blake were the other participants in the men's open hammer throw and logged 16.05m and 15.16m, respectively.

In other results in throwing events, Guam swept the men's shot put and discus throw, thanks to Andre. The Guam athlete had a 12.40m heave in the shot put for first place, while Nauru's Joseph Dabana (12.31m) and the CNMI's Dennis Borja (11.16m) settled for second and third. In the discus, Andre's 40.65m handed him the victory over Nauru's Quadina Bouncer (38.01) and Dabana (36.05m) and six other participants.

In the men's open triple jump, Schmidt delivered the gold medal for the host after tallying 12.44m. He won over Guam's Darin Pascua (11.68m) and Palau's Ililau (11.63m).

In the boys U18 division's long jump, John Paul Dimalanta's 6.11m put him on top of the podium. Guam had a 1-2-3 finish in the event with Johnny Laimus (5.71m) and Gilbert Hollingsworth (5.66) getting the silver and bronze. The Marshall Islands' Ernest Maun (5.07m) and Roland Lang (4.98m) also competed in the event.

In the hurdles, the CNMI's Orrin Pharmin got the automatic gold in the 110m after completing the obstacle in 24.99 seconds. Guam's Jeofry Limtiaco and Kyle Delos Santos brought home the gold and silver medals in the 400m hurdles with the former timing in at 1:00.44 against the latter's 1:02.03. The CNMI's Beo Ngirchongor got the bronze after submitting 1:05.53.

Meanwhile, Guam dominated the middle and long distance races in the men's open division.

Pacific Games veteran Derek Mandell lorded it over in the 1,500m and 3,000m. He registered 4:13.55 in the 1,500m to beat compatriot Delos Santos (4:41.69), I.S. Arongaw (4:50.72), and four others. Then in the longer 3,000m run, Mandell's 9:45:08 was way ahead of the 10:09.10 of fellow Guam athlete Ben Middlebrooks and the 11:10.72 of the CNMI's Tyler Santos.

After his runner-up finish in the 3,000m, Middlebrooks made sure he would go home with the gold in the 5,000 after timing in at 18:09.02 and prevailing in his one-on-one race against the Marshall Islands' Michael Launi (21:49.45).

Guam also took the gold in the 800m, courtesy of Delos Santos, who logged 2:09.71. Nauru's Togogae John-Rico got the silver after completing the race in 2:09.92, while Guam's Pascua rounded out the Top 3 after checking in at 2:10.43. Eight other runners joined the event with the CNMI's Leowel Cristobal the fastest finisher for the host after recording 2:13.98.

Results in other events, including the women's races and throwing competitions will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

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victory in the doubles finals after being handed a walkover against No. 2 seed Dakota Gibson and Thomas Ysrael of Guam.

Besides the U14 division sweep, the CNMI Junior National Team also went 2-for-2 in the girls U16, thanks to Miyawaki and Gregoire.

Miyawaki earned a perfect 5-0 record in the round-robin singles event after facing Gregoire in the final day of the tournament and winning in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. Gregoire finished the division with a 3-2 mark for third place behind the 4-1 of FSM's Anne Skilling.

In the doubles, Gregoire and Miyawaki were perfect (2-0), securing the division championship following a convincing 6-1, 6-0 triumph over Aprile Kim of Guam and Skilling. The winning duo also took only two sets to down Guam's Paige Mantanona and Joycelyn Tenai, 6-2, 6-2.

In the boys U16 doubles finals, Ryu and Park outclassed fellow CNMI player Daniel Heo and Guam's Marshall Zang, 6-3, 6-3. The doubles victory came just a few hours after Ryu lost to Zang in the title-deciding match, 3-6, 3-6.

Meanwhile, in the U12 team event, Gregoire and Kwon earned 10 points and won against all their five opponents to reign supreme in the division.

The duo completed the sweep in the competition after blanking North Boys Combined last Friday. Kwon gave the CNMI a good start with his 6-0, 6-2 triumph over FSM's Jeffery Sigrah. Gregoire then picked up where Kwon left off, earning a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Juncheol Hwang.

With the twin wins in the singles, the CNMI pair had already secured the division championship and could have relaxed a bit in the no-bearing doubles event. However, Kwon and Gregoire went for the kill and cruised to a 6-2, 6-1 victory. Besides beating North Combined Boys, the CNMI duo also prevailed against two teams each from Guam and FSM.

In the girls U12 division, CNMI Girls 1's Helen Kim and Serin Chung were ranked third, while CNMI Girls 2's Ye Jin Son and Dana Lee finished fourth. FSM Girls 1's Desirae Wolphagen and Leilah Etscheit topped the division, while Guam was runner-up, and FSM Girls 2 placed last.

2018 Spring M-League Division A and B Finals

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Paire Football Club's Trey Dunn, right, wards off MP United FC's Jonathan Capayas to get away from the latter's defense during the second half of their Division A title game in the 2018 Spring M-League held last June 10 at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Paire's Peter Loken makes a throw-in.

Paire and MP United players chase the ball.

Shirley's FC's Wesley Bogdan, left, and Matansa's Al-Amin Fnu try to beat each other to the ball.

Paire's Jonathan Takano, left, takes his time before making a move, while MP United's Michiteru Mita, not in the photo, keeps a close eye on him and Trey Dunn stays in the play.

Matansa FC's Travis Camacho, second left, dribbles away from Shirley's FC defenders during the first half of their Division B title match at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

Matansa's Amzad Khan kicks the ball.

MP United goalkeeper Christopher Aninzo, second left, checks on his teammates before kicking the ball.

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Iceland's World Cup dream is built on being a nightmare foe

MOSCOW (AP)—The World Cup rookies from the tournament's smallest nation are suddenly legitimate contenders for the knockout stage.

Two years after reaching the quarterfinals at the European Championship, Iceland earned its first point in its first World Cup match, holding two-time champion Argentina to a surprising 1-1 draw on Saturday.

The round of 16 could be beckoning.

"Ah, you're not going to get me to say that when we play in a group with Nigeria, Croatia and Argentina," said Iceland goalkeeper Hannes Halldorsson, who saved a penalty from Lionel Messi. "You also saw the game tonight. They had a lot of possession. They had more shots than us."

Spoken like a veteran.

They may not be cocky, but after passing one of their first competitive tests against a top-ranked side from outside Europe, the Icelanders aren't short on confidence, either. They know no one wants to play them.

"This is a typical game for us: We defend well, we get the opponent impatient and then, when we attack, we are fast and we have quality," Halldorsson said. "So we are a nightmare to play against and we can beat anybody when we have our day."

You're not likely to get an argument from Messi, who will be dogged by visions of Halldorsson blocking the penalty that could have given Argentina all three points.

Besides its run to the quarterfinals of Euro 2016, which included a win over England, Iceland also won its World Cup qualifying group. The team has earned its reputation as an organized, stout defending side that's dangerous on

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Argentina's Lionel Messi, right, challenges for the ball with Iceland's Emil Hallfredsson during the Group D match at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Spartak Stadium in Moscow, Russia, Saturday, June 16, 2018.

Pure dominance in jr. tennis

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For the nth time, the CNMI Junior National Team made the North Pacific Regional Championships its stomping ground.

The Jeff Race-coached squad won eight of the 10 division championships at stake in the tournament that was held in Guam last week. Seung Jing Paik, Daniel Kang, Coume Kaga, Hye Jin Elliot, Malika Miyawaki, siblings Maria and Anthony Gregoire, Sam Ryu, Eugene Park, and David Kwon clinched titles in their respective divisions to show the CNMI's domination against Palau, the Federates States of Micronesia, and Guam.

Kaga capped her unbeaten record in the girls U14 singles with an emphatic 6-1, 6-2 victory over FSM's Ridianne Wolphagen in the finals last Friday, 6-1, 6-2. Kaga dueled Wolphagen in the morning finals and then returned at the Rick Ninete Tennis Centre in the afternoon to team up with Elliot in beating Guam's Kaia Malakooti and Palau's Ngellittle Silmai in the doubles championship game, 6-1, 4-6, 10-7.

Paik was also scheduled to play back-to-back matches last Friday and topped the boys U14 singles event first before ruling the doubles competition with Kang. The No. 1 seed Paik lived up to expectations after sweeping giant-killer Deavyn Etscheit of FSM in the singles finals, 6-1, 6-1.

Kang also played his last match in the singles last Friday and won his consolation game against fellow CNMI player Andy Kim, 6-1, 1-6, 10-7, to finish fifth among the 16 players entered in the division. While Kang labored through a super-tiebreaker win in the singles play, he and Paik had no sweat getting the

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Maria Gregoire, seen here serving during a local competition at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, teamed up with Malika Miyawaki in winning the girls U16 doubles event in the 2018 North Pacific Regional Championships in Guam last week.

Veterans deliver for CNMI

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The old reliables added a few more to the CNMI's medal tally, as the Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships 2018 concluded last Friday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Nick Gross and Tony Ichiuo, who are both veterans of the Micronesian Games, won the gold and bronze medals in the javelin throw with the former registering 49.74 meters against the latter's 41.52m. Palau's Adrian Justin Ililau took the silver with his 46.33m heave, while four others joined the event: the CNMI's Douglas Schmidt (41.10m) and Dean Blake (32.15m), Chuuk's Ryson Lokomho (38.20m) and Nauru's J.J. Cepelle (32.72m).

Gross also competed in

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The CNMI's Tony Ichiuo prepares for the javelin throw competition in the Oceania Micronesian Regional Championships 2018 last Thursday at the Oleai Sports Complex.